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Weimar Falls To Patton's Men

Courier On Cycle Offers Surrender!

Allies Cross Elbe, 57 Miles From Berlin

U. S. Third Army Front, April 12 (Reuter): Weimar, the birthplace in July, 1919, of the German Republic after the overthrow of Kaiser, surrendered today to General Patton's Eightieth Infantry Division—by bicycle. A courier cycled out to offer surrender to the American troops who were last reported on the outskirts.

GOETHE'S HOMETOWN

Weimar, the capital of Thuringia, is the hometown of Goethe, the greatest German poet.

It stands on the River Ilm and on the main Berlin—Frankfurt-Dresden-Leipzig railway lines. With a pre-war population of 45,000 it had an electrical and engineering works and railway truck buildings factories.

CELLE TAKEN

Twenty-first Army Group H.Q.—The town of Celle which houses the principal gas warfare school of the German Army has been captured. It is 25 miles north-east of Hanover. Rethem one of the last German outposts west of the Weser river has also been captured.

Kesselring is now trying to form a new line between Emden and Bremen in an effort to stem the British advance.

The powerful flood of Allied men and armour pouring into Germany on a 400-mile front today threatens to engulf more great German cities in path of the advance on Berlin.

While General Patton's spearhead at Magdeburg is only 65 miles from the Reich Capital, the British Second Army is reported to have launched an all-out assault on the important port of Bremen, the American Third Army is driving beyond captured Weimar on the direct road to Chemnitz and the Canadian First Army is rapidly closing the iron ring around the German-held northern Dutch territory.

Security black-out has fallen again on the rapid tank drive to the Elbe river which the Germans put south of Magdeburg, though an unconfirmed report from Paris said the Allies had crossed the Elbe river, the last great natural barrier before Berlin, and had begun beating down the last 57 clear miles to the Reich capital.

In the battle for the North Sea ports, the British Second Army has won new bridgeheads across the river Aller and British Infantry is pushing ahead at the rate of a mile per hour against stubborn rearguard actions. One bridgehead has been secured over the Aller, 13 miles northwest of Celle, which was itself entered by Allied troops.

On the left flank of the advancing forces, the Germans this afternoon said, a major assault has begun on Bremen. On the southern sector, General Patton's tanks, roaming into the heart of Germany, are rapidly approaching the big town of Leipzig which is a vital communication centre south-west of Berlin.

Schweinfurt, the great German ball bearing factory town in south-west Germany, fell to the Forty-second Rainbow Division of the United States Seventh Army today.

300 Italians Killed In Bari Explosion

ROME, April 12. (U. P. A.): An Allied munitions ship to-day blew up in Bari harbour, setting fire to other ships nearby. Nearly 300 Italians were killed, it is reported. The cause of the explosion is as yet unknown.

Fierce Battles Beyond Oder

Berlin Reports Soviet Landings On Danube

LONDON, April 12 (Reuter).—Berlin today reported Soviet landings on the Danube banks both in the rear of the German forces still holding out in the north-eastern corner of Vienna and on the opposite side of the river.

The U.P.A. adds: Moscow tonight reported that Soviet troops were waging fierce battles beyond the Oder at the approaches to Berlin.

In Italy

ALLIES ENTER CARRARA

ITALY April 12:—(From Reuter's Special Correspondent. The Third day of Eighth Army's new offensive records splendid progress. Eighth Army troops have forced crossings of the river Santerno against strong opposition according to today's communique.

On the Fifth Army front, American troops assisted by Italian Partisans have entered Carrara.

The marble centre of Carrara is about 13 miles south of the naval base of La Spezia and four miles north of Massa, the capture of which was announced yesterday.

All front line reports agree that the Germans are fighting desperately and fanatically to stem the Allied advance.

Churchill To Review War Next Thursday

LONDON, April 12, (Reuter.) Mr. Anthony Eden, Leader of the House of Commons, confirmed today that Mr. Churchill will make a statement on Russo-Polish relations and the war situation generally next Thursday. Afterwards there would be an opportunity for debate.

Mr. Anthony Eden further stated today the Commons would debate the San Francisco Conference next Tuesday.

1,600,000 Germans Captured

WASHINGTON, April 12 (U.P.A.): The Secretary of War Henry Stimson told the Press that the Western Allies, since D-Day had captured 1,600,000 German soldiers of which 1,200,000 were captured by United States armies.

Delhi Municipal Committee Walkout

NEW DELHI, April 12, (A.P.I.) Two members of the Delhi Municipal Committee walked out of the weekly meeting today in protest against the ruling of the president, Mr. Le Bailly, disallowing a censure motion against him for tearing up a copy of a resolution on Chimur and Ashti case prisoners, handed to him by the retiring senior Vice-President in its last meeting.

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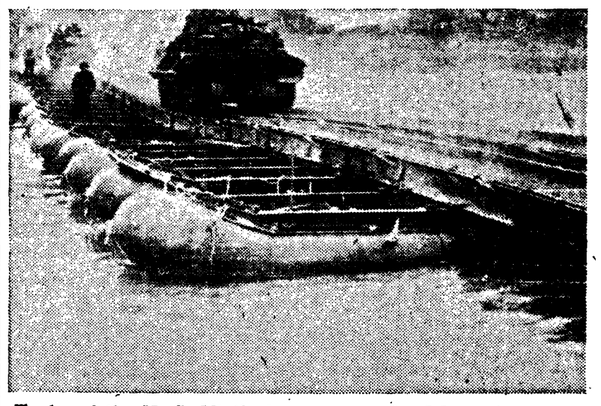

Tanks of the U. S. Ninth Army cross the Weser River into the town of Hameln on an improvised bridge constructed by American combat Engineers.

AMERY PROMISES SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION OF SAPRU PROPOSALS

Agitation For Congress Leaders' Release "Appreciated", But No Decision Made As Yet

LONDON, April 12. (Reuter): Mr. Amery when asked by Mr. Sorensen (Labour) in the House of Commons to-day if the recent proposals made by representative Indians to Lord Wavell and the British Government were being sympathetically considered, replied that they were.

Mr. Amery added that no decision had been reached on the question of the release of Congress leaders, which Mr. Sorensen said, the consensus of Indian opinion favoured.

Mr. Sorensen: Does Mr. Amery not appreciate that, from all sides now there is a constant agitation for the release of these prisoners? And as a prelude to any further advantageous development will he not announce at an early date that instead of releasing these prisoners by instalments they will all be released.

Mr. Amery: I fully appreciate that.

Mr. Sorensen: Can we be assured that some action will be taken?

Mr. Amery: All these matters are taken constantly into account.

Mr. Gallacher (Communist): Is Mr. Amery aware that not only in India but also in the progressive circles in this country there is a very strong feeling against the continued imprisonment of the Congress leaders. Will he not consider releasing them all right away?

Mr. Amery: I am aware of the views held in many quarters.

All Parliamentary Parties Welcome Sapru Proposals

From Reuter's Political Correspondent:—

LONDON, Thursday (Reuter): The latest Sapru proposals have aroused keen parliamentary interest, the members of all parties welcoming them as, at any rate, a fresh avenue of approach.

Mr. Reginald Sorensen, Labour backbencher consistent in support of Nationalist aspirations, to-day told me that he thought the plans now focus a considerable body of Indian thought and certainly had hopeful possibilities. "Members of the House although cautious will feel that such recommendations cannot lightly be rejected", said Mr. Sorensen, adding "certainly the Viceroy now in this country, must have been considering possibilities that should be explored within the Sapru recommendations."

An influential Conservative member and former Health Minister, Colonel Walter Elliot, said that everyone realised that the Indian situation was a deadlock they would like solved. The difference between the Indian situation and other more intractable problems was that, whenever anybody produced an Indian solution everybody looked at it. With other problems solutions were sometimes thrown away unconsidered. That was a remarkable thing. There was growing desire in Britain for a solution and when one got the desire for a solution, one could solve anything.

G. B. S. ON END OF WAR

LONDON, April 12. (U. P. I.): Selected Brains-Trust were asked to-day "How are you going to celebrate the peace"? Here are the replies:

Mr. George Bernard Shaw said: "I do not intend to celebrate it at all. The war will not be over on the V-Day. It will go on for a long time with Japan."

Miss Eleanor Rathbone, M. P. said: "I hope that the people will not start shouting peace until we have got it. I have not thought about my own celebrations. I do not even need rest which is what most people need. I am not tired"

PT. PANT IN NAINITAL

NAINITAL, April 12, (A.P.I.) Pt. Govind Ballabh Pant former Premier of U.P., and member of the Congress Working Committee arrived here yesterday. Pt. Pant will undergo treatment prescribed by his doctor till such time as he is considered medically fit for an operation.

RAJENDRA PRASAD INTERVIEWED

PATNA, April 12. (A. P. I.): Mr. Anugraha Narain Sinha, ex-Finance Minister, Bihar, had an interview with Dr. Rajendra Prasad in the Bankipore Jail yesterday.

Questions connected with relief measures in the epidemic area, it is understood, were discussed at the interview.

Dr. Rajendra Prasad has, it is learnt, advised Mr. Anugraha Narain Sinha to continue the relief operations through the funds of the Bihar Central Relief Trust.

Ashti-Chimur Case

JUDGMENT RESERVED

NAGPUR, April 12 (A.P.I.)—Continuing his arguments on the third day of the hearing of the 'habeas corpus' application on behalf of the Chimur and Ashti prisoners condemned to death, Mr. Hidayatullah, Advocate-General, quoted copiously from various authorities emphasising that the High Court was not powerless to order the execution of the sentences which it had confirmed in order to secure the ends of justice. Moreover the Sessions Judge of Wardha who got the sentences of death confirmed from the High Court acted legally as he had jurisdiction under the Ordinance. Even assuming that he had no jurisdiction, he was acting under the orders of the High Court to execute the death sentences. Hence the Sessions Judge could not be said to be acting contrary to the law.

Justice Niyogi: "Supposing this Court was wrong, the question would arise whether we can review the case."

Advocate-General: "I submit, you cannot. The powers of this Court do not exist because the case has already gone right upto the Privy Council."

Concluding the Advocate-General said that the application had no substance and prayed for its dismissal.

Dr. Kedar, Defence Counsel replying to the Advocate-General's arguments said that High Court's orders confirming the death sentences were not issued by the judges but by the office of the High Court. So if their Lordships now set the prisoners at liberty, they would not be going back on any decision. They would be changing the confirmation issued by the High Court office.

Concluding Dr. Kedar said that he was not asking their Lordships' mercy as it was not a mercy court. He was asking only for justice. Judgment was reserved.

Soviet Friendship Treaty With Yugoslavia

LONDON, April 12 (Reuter). The Soviet News Agency reports that treaty of friendship, mutual assistance and post-war collaboration between the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia has been signed on the occasion of Marshal Tito's visit to Moscow.

MR. JINNAH IN BOMBAY

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Mr. Jinnah, President of the Muslim League, arrived here from Delhi, today.

HIMMLER'S NEW DECREE

No Declaration Of Open City Will Be Made

BERLIN, April 12. (Reuter): The German news agency to-day reported that Heinrich Himmler of Germany issued a decree declaring that all German cities must be defended and no declaration of open city will be made.

Reuter adds, Himmler according to authoritative reports reaching London was yesterday reported to be the virtual Fuehrer of Germany.

The order said, "The enemy attempts to induce German towns to surrender by misleading them. Armoured reconnaissance cars racing ahead aim at intimidating the population with threats that if the town is not surrendered it will be smashed by bombardment of tanks and artillery, which it is alleged have already been drawn up. This ruse of war of the enemy will also fail. No German town will be declared an open city.

"Every village and every town will be held and defended by every means. Every German is responsible for the defence of a place, and failing in this evident national duty, will lose honour and life."

Later, a special supplement to the German 'Communique' was issued announcing death penalty for all attempts to divert garrison commanders of German cities from doing their duty. This supplement was signed by Himmler; Keitel, Chief of Army Staff and Bormann, Hitler's Deputy.

LONDON, Thursday. (Reuter): Himmler's latest 'no open towns' decree appears to have been written "for record" Reuter's Continental Observer wrote to-day.

Like many Nazi measures of the last ten days, it aims at establishing a legend of united national resistence to the last rather than at organising such resistance in practice. Himmler and other Nazi leaders are perfectly well aware that the Wehrmacht has no longer the troops to defend every German town and village and that the people have not the will to do so.

"Piecemeal Surrender"

Churchill On Eisenhower's Letter To Roosevelt

LONDON, April 12 Reuter). Mr. Churchill, when questioned in the House of Commons today about General Eisenhower's letter to President Roosevelt on unconditional surrender of Germany declared 'The policy of unconditional surrender does not exclude undenditional surrender piecemeal. It is not necessarily applied only to wholesale surrender.

Mr. Churchill was replying to Mr. Rhys Davies (Labour) who opposes Government's unconditional surrender policy. Mr. Davies had asked if the Prime Minister agreed that General Eisenhower had stated in his letter that the policy of unconditional surrender was completely unworkable (cries of 'no'). Further, if the Allies were considering pronouncing a proclamation to end the war in Europe, would the Prime Minister bear in mind that during the Boer War a proclamation to end that war was made and then the war actually began in earnest and lasted for two years afterwards.?

After making the reply already quoted, Mr. Churchill added. As to his reference to the South African war I think Mr. Davies is not very accurate in his history.

Mr. Davies: Did not the Prime Minister himself play a very gallant and noble part in that war?

Mr. Churchill: I have heard it put that way.

STOP PRESS

ALLIES 40 MILES FROM CZECH BORDER

U. S. Third Army at Weimar April 12, (Reuter). The U. S. Eleventh Armoured Division is now less than 40 miles from the border of Czechoslovakia. Third Army forces have crossed the Saale river, south of Jena.

BADEN AND RASTADT CAPTURED BY FRENCH

LONDON, April 12 (Reuter).—The Paris Radio tonight quoted a special French First Army announcement that Baden and Rastadt, both approximately 30 miles west of Stuttgart, have been captured.

The United Press of America adds: Seventh Army troops today captured Hoilbronn after nine days of fighting.

Captain Sertories, German Trans-Ocean's correspondent, reported that troops of Gen. Patton's Third Army had reached areas north-west of Nuremberg, Bamberg and Lichtenberg.

(Lichtenberg is 70 miles north-east of Nuremberg and only 21 miles from the Czech border).

SATARA BAN ON GADGIL

POONA, April 12 (U.P.I.)—Mr. N. V. Gadgil, President, Maharashtra Provincial Congress Committee, has been served with a notice by the District Magistrate, Satara, under section 3(1) (c) of the Restriction and Detention Ordinance, 1944, banning his entry into the Satara District without his previous permission.

Acland Steals Gandhiji's Thunder

"No Real Independence Till British Govt. Is Prepared To Leave India"

LONDON, April 12. (Globe): "India will only attain real political and economic independence when we have a Government in Britain which is willing to leave India immediately", declared Sir Richard Acland, M.P., leader of the Commonwealth Party, in an exclusive interview with "Globe" in which he reiterated the party's attitude to the Indian situation.

"The presence in London of Lord Wavell has renewed hopes and speculations of a solution of the Indian deadlock", said Sir Richard.

"Common Wealth welcomes the formation of a Congress government in the North-West Frontier Province—the first since the resignation of all Congress ministries in 1939. The new Muslim-Hindu coalition government in Sind and the expectation of a similar coalition in Assam is even more encouraging, as it suggests a move towards that unity among Indians without which the British Government may seek to avoid fulfilling their promise of self-government.

"THE FIRST STEP"

"The first step, we believe, must be the release of Indian leaders. The Japanese armies are no longer a direct threat to India. The Japanese are retreating far into Burma. We do not believe it will be possible to end the Indian deadlock while these leaders remain in prison. How can they agree when they cannot even meet for discussion?

"Further, we believe that every day they remain in prison increases the hostility between India and Britain and serves no good purpose for either.

"We shall, therefore, wherever and whenever we can reiterate our demands for this as the first essential step for ending the deadlock and fulfilment of our promises to India.

IN A NUTSHELL!

"But, above all, we believe that India will only attain real political and economic independence when we have a government in Britain which is willing to leave India immediately."

INDIANS' ROLE IN DOMINIONS CONFERENCE

(From Our Correspondent).

LONDON, April 11.

The Dominions Conference which was so successful is expected to end today, several days ahead of the schedule although which part of the Empire played the dominant role is a matter for speculation. Generally it is understood Australia and New Zealand, while differing on minor points worked as a solid team. India's role was a minor one. Her delegates had not brought any special issue for discussions and I understand one of Australia's staunchest supporters was India—perhaps demonstrating that geography is the dominating factor in post-war political alignments.

The Empire delegates succeeded in persuading the British of the dangers inherent in the veto power of proposed Security Council (according to the Dumbarton Oaks Plan unanimity between the Big Five is required before the Executive decisions become effective.) Indians and Australians regard the veto power suitable perhaps for the transition period of a quinquennium after the war but thereafter it would petrify the structure of a world peace organisation, making alteration of the constitution most improbable and making economic and military sanction against aggressor nation most unlikely. For example if a South American State was declared as aggressor, China or France by exercise of the veto could make punitive measures against the erring country impossible.

Over the ticklish question of Polish representation to San Francisco it is understood that the consensus of opinion between delegates was in favour of British recognition of the Lublin Government of Poland.

LAKH & HALF FINE FOR PROFITEERING

CALCUTTA, April 12. (A. P. I.): The highest fine so far for profiteering in Bengal—Rs. 1,50,000 was imposed to-day on Giridhardas Benoney, a brass merchant, by the Additional Presidency Magistrate; another profiteer was fined Rs. 1,05,000. In all seven profiteering cases were disposed of to-day by the magistrate, the total fines imposed being Rs. 5.35,000.

FOOD SHORTAGE IN GERMANY NEXT WINTER

BY D. F. KARAKA,
"Chronicle" War Correspondent
S.H.A.E.F., April 12 (Afternoon).

The American Third's armour has advanced from the Erfurt area, 46 miles since yesterday, but the location and direction are not disclosed.

Meanwhile, S.H.A.E.F. today declared that a serious food shortage seemed certain in Germany next winter. It is said that there would be a world shortage and Germany will not be a favoured nation. Today there is ample food in Germany. Wholesalers have stocked well. Allies are allowing 1,158 calories to Germans per day which is considerably less than that allowed to any liberated country. No Allied foodstuffs are given to Germans.

Attempt To Reach Agreement With Germans Fails

PARIS, April 11. (Reuter): A Fascist plot inside France has been smashed. I was told this authoritatively by one of the heads of the French police who for months have been on trail of those seeking to betray France in a working agreement with Germany, says Reuter's Special Correspondent.

The first plot was a definite attempt to reconstitute Doriot's Party, Pilaire Francais, whose leaders had hid in France and had contact with Vichy and the German Gestapo. This plot is now definitely crushed.

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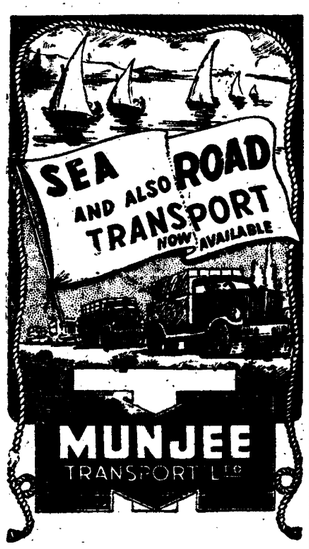

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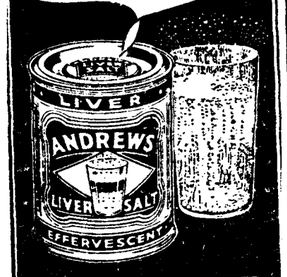

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ON WITH THE SHOW!

The entertainment fare this week offers not only a variety of films ranging from thrillers to light comedies, but also provides an E.N.S.A. stage show presenting London's famous West End star, Edith Evans, at the Excelsior, and a Gilbert and Sullivan opera at St. Xavier's Hall. So take your pick from the following:

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REGAL: 1st RUN

"THE MERRY MONAHANS" (Universal).
Stars: Jack Oakie, Peggy Ryan.
Director: Charles Lemont.
Type of Picture: Musical Extravaganza.

Twenty songs amongst them many old favourites enliven this gay film. Oakie plays the part of a vaudeville artiste, who after his chorus-girl wife deserts him, along with his two children—Donald O'Connor and Peggy Ryan—forms a song-and-dance trio called "The Merry Monahans." The father's first love, from whom the chorus-girl had stolen him, now turns up with a lovely daughter played by Ann Blyth, and we have a merry situation.

The five new songs in this entertaining musical are by Don George and Irving Bibo. They are lively tunes with catchy titles such as "We're Havin' a Wonderful Time" and "Stop Foolin'." A picture for lovers of light musicals.

Boris Karloff (right) as the mad scientist and J. Carrol Naish as the hunchback in "House of Frankenstein".

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EROS: 1st RUN

"HOUSE OF FRANKENSTEIN". (Universal).
Stars: Boris Karloff, Lon Chaney
Director: Earle C. Kenton.
Type of Film: Horror.

Here is a thriller *par excellence*, bringing together that diabolic trio—Frankenstein's monster, the vampire Dracula and the Wolfman. Escaping from prison, a crazy scientist, played by Karloff, resurrects Dracula with the aid of a deformed murderer. The vampire kills the man who had imprisoned the scientist, but meets his doom when kidnapping the murdered man's grand-daughter. With a gypsy girl, picked up on the way, the scientist now heads for Frankenstein's ruins, where he first brings to life the werewolf who is shot to death by the gypsy girl when he attacks her. The monster is now revived and kills the hunchback. Followed by angry villagers, the scientist and the monster flee to a swamp.

The film is a veritable cauldron of horror and weirdness increased tenfold by trick photography. Universal must take the palm for their unlimited powers of resurrecting the dead! The cast includes John Carradine, Lionel Atwill and Ann Gwenne.

Ann Southern and John Hodiak in an intimate moment from "Maisie Goes to Reno"

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STRAND: 1st RUN

"MAISIE GOES TO RENO" (M. G. M.)
Stars: Ann Southern, John Hodiak.
Director: Harry Beaumont.
Type of Film: Light Comedy.
Timings of Main Film: 4-15, 7-15, 10-15.

Maisie—Ann Southern of course—is back in town again, this time heading for Reno where she becomes involved with a gang of forgers, and meets her romantic match, along with whom she frolics through a series of hilarious adventures. Others in the cast are Paul Cavanaugh, Donald Meek and Ava Gardner. A film for those who like fun.

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METRO: 3rd WEEK

"GASLIGHT" (M.G.M.)
Stars: Ingrid Bergman, Charles Boyer.
Director: George Cukor.
Type of Film: Psychological Thrills.
Timings of Main Film: 3-34, 6-49, 10-4.

This is a tense, well-directed drama, set in the eerie atmosphere of a Victorian house where a murder has taken place. The inhabitants are a singer (Bergman) and her accompanist husband (Boyer), who invents a diabolic scheme to drive his wife insane, why and through what ingenious methods, it would be unfair to disclose. A Scotland Yard man, played by Joseph Cotten, helps to bring this unusual story to its powerful climax. Here is a picture for those who love drama and good acting.

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NEW EMPIRE: 3rd WEEK

"THE PRINCESS & PIRATE" (R. K. O. RADIO RELEASE)
Stars: Bob Hope, Virginia Mayo.
Director: David Butler.
Type of Film: Swashbuckling Light Comedy.
Timings of Main Film: 4-10 7-10, 10-10.

This film may be described as a cocktail that sparkles with hilarity and drives you giddy with laughter. An actor (Hope) and a Princess (Virginia Mayo), en route to the West Indies, are captured by a band of fierce buccaneers headed by Hook (Victor McLaglen), the most blood-thirsty pirate of the Spanish Main. The story, as you may have guessed, is set in the 18th Century. A film for those who appreciate uproarious fun.

STAGE SHOWS

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EXCELSIOR

"THE LATE CHRISTOPHER BEAN" (E.N.S.A.)
Star: Edith Evans.

Evans as she appeared on the West End stage in Clemence Dane's "Cousin Muriel".

Those who are familiar with London's West End stage will be delighted to learn that one of its most brilliant stars, Edith Evans, is to appear at the Excelsior for a full week starting on Saturday the 14th, in Emlyn Williams's adaptation of the French play, "The Late Christopher Bean." The show is primarily meant for the troops, but each serviceman may take one guest with him. If you are a lover of good acting, I advise you to catch hold of a service man, anywhere, anyhow, pay for his ticket and yours, and seize this opportunity of seeing an actress who has stage-technique at her finger-tips. My counsel is based on very pleasant memories of this consummate actress in a John Gielgud production of Wilde's "Importance of Being Earnest", and Clemence Dane's "Cousin Muriel" which, when first performed at the Globe, was saved from failure only by the skill of Edith Evans. The prices of admission are very modest: Re. 1, 8 as. and 4 as.

in "A Song to Remember", soon to be released at the New Empire, Merle Oberon portrays the amorous Georges Sand notorious for her love-affairs—especially the 'grande-affaire' with Chopin.

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RETURN FILMS

AURORA: 2nd WEEK

"KISMET" (M.G.M.)
Stars: Ronald Colman and Marlene Dietrich.
Type of Film: Arabian Nights Fantasy.

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PALACE

"AND THE ANGELS SING" (Paramount)
Stars: Dorothy Lamour and Fred MacMurray.
Type of Film: Musical Comedy.

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SUNDAY MORNING SHOWS

Metro—10 a.m.: "Rio Rita," with Katharine Grayson, Abbot and Costello.
Eros—10 a.m.: "His Butler's Sister" with Deanna Durbin.
Regal—10-30 a.m. "Hit The Ice" with Abbot and Costello.
Strand—10-30 a.m.: Walt Disney's "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs."
Capitol—10 a.m. "Crash Dive" with Tyrone Power and Anne Baxter.
Aurora—"Waterloo Bridge" with Robert Taylor and Vivien Leigh.
Palace—"Air Raid Wardens" with Laurel and Hardy.

FORTHCOMING FILM RELEASES

"The Valley of Tennessee," a three-reel short produced by U.S.O.W.I., is to be released at the Metro, by the Information Films of India, from Friday, 20th April. It tells of American experiments in reconstruction in a backward valley where human orthodoxy had to be fought and overcome, and where destructive rivers had to be converted into helpful agents by the construction of dams. This is a documentary which unravels before our gaze the practical idealism of America.

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ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE HALL

"THE YEOMEN OF THE GUARD" Light Opera.

This Gilbert and Sullivan opera, which has been shown, earlier in the week, to servicemen only, is now to be presented to the general public by the Bombay Light Opera Society in aid of St. Dunstan's Homes for the War Blinded. The opera has been produced by Rev. Basil Naylor, and contains some worthy singers, of whom Hilde Feldberg deserves special mention for her part of the strolling singer which she has filled at very short notice. Here is good entertainment for a good cause.

ON CULTURAL TOUR IN U. S.

Dr. J. M. Kumarappa Impressed By New Developments In Social Welfare

Dr. Jagedesan M. Kumarappa, director of the Tata Institute of Social Sciences in Bombay, recently completed the New York City part of his intercultural American tour. The first Indian to come to the United States under the U.S. Department of State's new programme of international cultural co-operation, Dr. Kumarappa is visiting social-welfare organizations, technical colleges, hospitals and social-science institutions. His tour will take him to all parts of the United States.

While in New York Dr. Kumarappa went to the Children's Court of the city, the Domestic Relations Court, the Fordham University School of Social Service, the Rockefeller Foundation, the Carnegie Foundation for the advancement of learning, the New York State Reconstruction Home for rehabilitation work, the foster-home department of the Children's Aid Society, the Russell Sage Foundation library, the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, the Teacher's College of Columbia University, the Lexington School for the Deaf, the Lighthouse Industries for the Blind, and many others.

"The new scientific developments in social welfare I have seen here will be of great help in India where this type of work is only beginning", Dr. Kumarappa said.

He listed four purposes for his American mission: to study the set up, techniques used, and methods of placement and after care in welfare institutions; to visit correctional institutions for delinquents; to find out how medical social-service work is organized and carried on in hospitals, and to visit technical schools and universities, investigating there the possibilities of scholarships for Indian students.

Upon his return to India Dr. Kumarappa hopes to promote a closer relationship between his country and the United States by founding a Foreign University Bureau and an Institute of Cultural Co-operation. The Bureau would help Indian students get information about university scholarships available in America. The Institute, with branches in all sections of India, would help tourists to see and understand the Indian people and their culture.

During his two weeks in New York Dr. Kumarappa stayed at International House at Columbia University. His daughter, Prita, who has been studying in the United States for seven years, is a resident of the house.

While in the city Dr. Kumarappa conferred with college presidents and institute directors, lunched with leading American social scientists and interviewed commissioners of education, social welfare and public health.

He addressed a forum at Columbia University, telling his audience, "India needs the material achievements of the West to conquer disease and poverty. America needs our great spiritual values developed through the ages."

Dr. Kumarappa works with the Division of Cultural Cooperation of the U. S. Department of State in planning the itinerary for his American tour. From New York City he went to Cleveland, in the central state of Ohio, to attend the annual conference of the American Association of Schools of Social Work. He plans to travel through the central states, before going back east to Boston.

After visiting other north-eastern states Dr. Kumarappa will go to Chicago, industrial centre of the Middle West, where he will stay for two or three weeks, making side trips north into Misconsin and Minnesota and west to Iowa.

From Chicago he has arranged to travel to the Pacific Coast state of California, visiting such cities as San Francisco and Los Angeles. Returning east, Dr. Kumarappa will travel through the southern states, stopping in Texas, Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee and North Carolina before reaching Washington, D.C. From the capital city he plans his final trips, to Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

This intercultural mission is not Dr. Kumarappa's first visit to the United States. From 1908 to 1915 he attended Ohio Wesleyan University where he received his bachelor of arts degree. Later he received his S.T.B. (bachelor of sacred Theology) degree from Boston university and a master of art's degree from Harvard University. After nine years of teaching in India he returned to America in 1924 for four years. During this period he was awarded his Ph.D. degree at Columbia University and travelled throughout the country, lecturing at various universities.—USOWI.

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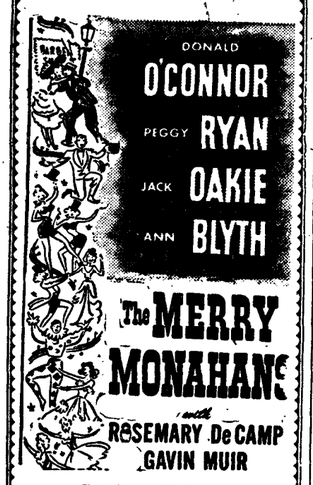

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Hightide 1-03, 13-42.
Lowtide 7-12, 19-36.

To-day's Engagements

ASTHIKA SAMAJ RAMA NAVAMI: Today 9-00 p.m. Nadaswaram concert by Sri Ratnam Pillai of Pandanallur and party accompanied by Thavil Vidwan Sri Raghavan of Nachiarrkoil.

BOMBAY CITY ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Dr. Zakir Hussein of Jamia Millia, Delhi, will give a talk on adult education to the teachers and organisers of the Bombay City Adult Education Committee today at 7 p.m. at Gokhale Education Society's R. M. Bhatt High School Hall, Parel.

BAISAKHI UTSAV: Under the auspices of Punjab and Frontier Association, 399, Kalbadevi Road, opposite Bhatia Mahajan Wadi, Bombay, the above Utsav will be celebrated today at 5 p.m.

MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER'S ROUND

The Municipal Commissioner will meet the elected members of Ward No. 1, on Saturday, at 6-51 a.m. (B.T.), at the Museum (Prince of Wales) and go round with them in the ward.

SARASWAT BRAHMAN SAMAJ: Opening ceremony of the Umabai Industrial Home for Ladies will be performed today at 6-30 p.m. by Miss Sulabha Panandikar.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: Study Class on "Where Are The Dead"? Jehangir Wadia Bldg., Flora Fountain, today 6-15 p.m.

SHRI RAMACHANDRA BHAJANA SAMAJ, DADAR: Ramnavami Festival will be celebrated today with Rudrabishekam in the morning, Kramarchanai in the evening and music (vocal) by Mr. M. S. Rama Iyer from 10 p.m. to 11 p.m.

"SCHOOLS COMMITTEE'S NEW CHAIRMAN": Through inadvertence the opening sentence of the above item in our Thursday's issue gives the name of the Chairman as "Mrs. Salebhoy Abdul Kader." It should be read as "Mr. Salebhoy Abdul Kader."

A.-I. STUDENTS' CITIZENSHIP COLLEGE: The camp for this college shall be organised some time in April and May for not less than three weeks but not more than one month.

RAMNAVAMI FESTIVAL: — The festival will be celebrated at Shree Sadananda Ashram, Talmakiwadi, Tardeo Road, from the 13th to 21st inst.

G.I.P. RAILWAYMEN'S MEETING: Under the auspices of G.I.P. Railwaymen's Union, a workers meeting will be held today (Friday) at Kamgar Maidan at 6 p.m. in order to consider the question of change in time at which wages are paid and other questions. Comrades D. S. Vaidya, Zulmiram Chaudhary, Imam Bux, Jwalaprasad, Shankarlingam, will speak.

KANARA SARASWAT ASSOCIATION: The annual general meeting of the K. S. Association on Sunday, April 15th at 4 p.m. in the Association Hall.

NATIVE SHARE AND STOCK BROKERS' ASSOCIATION'S PLEA FOR INCOME-TAX AMENDMENT

The Stock Exchange, Bombay, has sent the following telegram to the Finance Member, Government of India, New Delhi: "Stock Exchange Bombay urges Government to proceed with Income-tax Amendment Bill as amended by Select Committee otherwise withdrawal of initial depreciation and Expenditure Allowances will adversely affect industrial development and render imposition of increased surcharge most inequitable.

Reduction In Grain Levy Demand

On re-examining the grain levy demand in Bijapur Taluka of Bijapur District, the Government of Bombay has reduced the demand against each cultivator in all villages of that taluka. The revised demand will be that due on three-fourths of the foodcrops acreage of each holder, instead of his total foodcrops acreage.

Mr. S. L. Silam, newly elected Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Bombay Municipal Corporation.

N. KANARA VILLAGE UPLIFT ASSN. ANKOLA

An exhibition of sample products of cottages industries carried on under the auspices of the above Association of Ankola and Village Industries School, Honavar, is being held at the Saraswat Mahila Samaj Hall, Gamdevi during the National Week (6th to 13th inst.) It will be open to the public between 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Bombay Rates For Thana And Kalyan

In view of the specially high cost of living in Thana and Kalyan towns, the Bombay Government has directed that, until further orders, the same pay-limits and rates of dearness allowance shall be applicable to Government servants in those towns as are from time to time in force for Bombay City. This order applies from March 1.

Sturdy Batting By M. K. Telang And E. V. Rege

M. K. Telang's XI defeated the Provincial Textile Office XI by 34 runs during the week-end on the Grant Medical College ground. The Textile XI compiled 133 runs and Telang's XI replied with 167, mainly due to a grand fifth wicket partnership between Telang and Rege who contributed 45 and 56 respectively.

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY SECRETARY FINED

BOMBAY, Thursday.

M. S. Ramaswamy, Honorary Secretary of the Bombay Postal Co-operative Society was fined Rs. 30 this morning by the Chief Presidency Magistrate, Bombay, for denying weekly holidays to the staff working under him. This is the second conviction against the accused within a week in respect of a similar offence. Only a few days ago he was fined Rs. 15.

Mr. N. M. Haeems, conducted the prosecution.

TO-DAY ON RADIO

FRIDAY April 13.
BOMBAY—1.

244 m. (1,231 kc/s)—8-00 a.m. News (H). 8-15 News (E). 8-30 Pralhad Ganu (Dilruba). 8-45 Jyotana Bhole. 8-50 News (M). 9-0 News (G). 9-10 To-morrow. 9-15 Kesarbai Bandodkar. 9-45 Light Selection.

12-30 p.m. Songs (M). 12-45 News (M). 12-50 News (G). 12-55 News (H). 1-0 Naat, Ghazal and Qawwali. 1-30 News (E). 1-40 Music. 2-30 For Women (M). 4-20 Sundrabai Jadhav 4-40 Abdul Rehman and Party. 5 to 5-15 Panditrao Nagarkar. 5-45 Mr B S Gokral, Assistant Publicity and Recruitment Officer to the Government of India (S D Hubli) will broadcast on the 13th of April at 5-45 p m on the Technical Training Scheme of the Government of India. 5-55 Locals. 6-0 Argonauts. 6-30 News (E). 6-40 News (H). 6-45 News Documents to the (G). 6-50 Pralhad Ganu (Dilruba). 7-0 Post War India. Hindustan Ka Jagtik Vyapar. (India and International Trade) Talk in Marathi by Dr S K Muranjan (M) 7-15 Kesarbai Bandodkar. 7.45 Music from Film. 8-0 Sundrabai Jadhav. 8-15 News (M). 8-30 News (G). 8-45 Abdul Rehman and Party. 9-0 News (H) 9-20 News (E). 9-30 B B C News. 9-45 World Affairs (B B C). 10-0 Sundrabai Jadhav. 10-15 Abdul Rehman and Party. 10-30 Panditrao Nagarkar.

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Napoo Gardens Exhibition

The Exhibition will be open to the public to-day from morning 8-30 to 10-30 a.m. and evening 5 to 10 p.m. 6 to 7 p.m. Record music.

Sjt. B. G. Kher, ex-Premier of Bombay will address a meeting at 7 p.m.

This Exhibition, which was organised by the National Week Exhibition Committee, was largely attended by people of all kinds.

The Bombay Municipality. Health Department will show health films at 9 p.m. The Exhibition closes to-day.

JALLIANWALA BAUG DAY

Under the auspices of the Girgaum District Congress Committee, a Jallianwala Baug Smriti-Sammelan will be held to-day, the last day of the National Week at 7 p.m. (N.S.T.) at Marwadi Vidyalaya Hall, Sandhurst Road, Girgaum, Bombay.

Sjt. Babu Purushottamdas Tandon, Sjt. R. P. Aiyar of Madras, Sjt. Joachim Alva and others will speak. Prof. D. R. Gharpure will preside.

There will be Flag Salutation to-day at 9 a.m. (N.S.T.) at Pimpalwadi, Mughbat. Sjt. S. K. Patil will hoist the flag. Cinema—Film on Sanitation will be exhibited at 10 p.m. (N.S.T.) at Bori's Chawl, opposite Novelty Cinema, Grant Road.

AT FERGUSSON ROAD: A public meeting to celebrate Jallianwalla Bagh Day will be held today Friday at 7 p.m. on Fergusson Road, Pimple Maidan under the auspices of Bombay Communist Party and Bombay Girni Kamgar Union. Com. Bhogale will preside. Coms. B. T. Ranadive, Oke, Patkar, etc., will speak.

'A' WARD DISTRICT CONGRESS COMMITTEE: Flag salutation at the Committee's Office to-day at 9 a.m.

Flag salutation will be held at the T. & C.'s Office at Colaba. Mr. P. K. Savant, Municipal Corporator, will unfuri the flag. At 7 p.m. a meeting of all Congress workers and members of the Congress Dal will be held at 96-98, Boraza Bazar Street, when Mr. Salebhoy Abdul Kader, Chairman, Municipal Schools Committee, will speak.

Dr. Purdy's Complaint To Magistrate

The case against Dr. Murray Gow Purdy which came up for hearing before the Chief Presidency Magistrate on Thursday afternoon was adjourned to the 26th April as the High Court had not passed orders on his affidavit for a transfer of the case to some other Court.

Dr. Purdy addressing the Court stated that he had handed in the necessary documents to the jail authorities and added:—"The jail authorities like the wheel of Fate move slowly.

He then complained to the Court that in the detailed list of his property seized by the police presented to him some articles were missing. Among the items missings, were three bottles of Holbrook's Worcestershire sauce 600 gold sovereigns and Rs. 30,000 cash.

Sir Hormazdiyar Dastur, appearing for the Crown said that the accused would be given an opportunity to cross-examine the 'Pancha' before whom the articles were seized with regrd to whatever he thought was missing.

As regards the adjournment of the case, Counsel submitted that the Court was not bound to do so, as long as there were no definite orders from the High Court, but if the Court postponed the case it would be a matter of showing the accused indulgence.

Koenigsbrg Defender Sentenced To Death

LONDON, April 12 (Reuter). The German 'communique' today reported that General Lasch, garrison commander of Koenigsberg, has been sentenced to death by Court Martial for "cowardly surrender." The 'communique' added: His family will be held responsible"

Ahmedabad Textile Arbitration

AHMEDABAD, April 12, (A.P.I.) The Government of Bombay has referred to the arbitration of the industrial code the dispute regarding the bonus for 1944 between the Millowners' Association and the Textile Labour Association.

Morrison's Caution

LONDON, April 12, (Reuter). The Home Secretary Mr. Herbert Morrison, said in London today: "We cannot yet be certain that the enemy has already completely lost power to make further attacks on this country."

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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

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MIXED RECEPTION

The Sapru proposals for the future constitution of India have been accorded, as was to be expected, a mixed reception in the country. Communal extremists, both Hindu and Muslim, have condemned them downright. Some Muslim Leaguers have dismissed them as being not worth looking at for the simple reason that they unreservedly oppose Pakistan. But the proposals have not been, for that reason acceptable to the Hindu Mahasabhaites, who denounce as most iniquitous, the parity granted to caste Hindus and Muslims. A number of Hindu leaders of Bengal, including Sir N. N. Sircar, ex-Law Member, Government of India, have issued a joint statement declaring that "to reduce a majority into a minority is preposterous, unjust and undemocratic." Congress leaders are reticent as they feel that Congress-League negotiations will have to be soon resumed on a fairly different basis. But many nationalists who realise the need for a policy of give and take see in the Sapru proposals a good basis for general negotiations. In England, it is reported, the proposals have roused much interest in Labour circles, and Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Leader of the Labour Opposition in the Commons, will ask for a day to be set aside for a debate on India.

It is not to be inferred from the attitude of the League that Muslims in general are against the proposals. Khan Bahadur Sheik Mohammad Jan, General Secretary All-India Muslim Majlis, reminds Mr. Jinnah that his claim that 100 million Mussalmans are with him has been fully exposed as nationalist Mussalmans have never accepted his partition of India slogan. Allama Masriqui, the well-known Khaksar leader, recognises a number of merits in the Sapru proposals, particularly the generous weightage given to Muslims in the Centre. Mr. Hosenhoy Lajee, in his cable to Lord Wavell, emphasises that twenty million Shia Mussalmans of India repudiate the claim of the League to represent them. It appears that many nationalist Muslims and Hindus are trying to find out an alternative to Pakistan likely to bring about a Hindu-Muslim settlement and think that in this task they will find valuable material in the Sapru proposals. We expect that there will be even more valuable material in the Committee's report as a whole, which is believed to contain a wealth of facts and figures bearing on the communal question.

Not the least important merit of the Sapru proposals is that for the first time since the discussion on the Cripps proposals they have drawn serious attention to the procedure for finally deciding the future constitution for India. They provide for a Constitution-making body which will have to decide many points not settled by previous general agreement. As Muslims will have 51 seats in this body of 160 members and enjoy parity with caste Hindus, and as no decision shall be valid unless it is supported by three-fourths of the members present and voting, there is no fear of the Muslims being borne down by what some of them call the tyranny of the caste Hindu majority. Those Muslims will, therefore put themselves out of court who neither accept an agreement on fundamental points before a constitution-making body is formed nor participate in the work of that body. If that body gets a requisite majority for all necessary constitutional provisions, well and good. If not, the Sapru Committee expects the British Government to give its own awards on matters, in which the requisite majority for decision is not forthcoming. The Congress has always supported arbitration on disputed points and arbitration by a body acceptable to the contending parties will necessarily be better than the decisions of the British Government forced on them. In any case the proposal about the constitution-making body and the wide popularity it is sure to enlist, will make it difficult for any body to stand indefinitely in the way of a constitutional settlement. And this is an important point in the attempt to end the present deadlock.

Frankly Speaking

Govt. Must Explain

The "Hindustan Standard" of Calcutta publisnes what purports to be the facsimile of a letter written by the Provincial Textile Controller to the Secretary, Quota Holders' Association of Calcutta, in which the latter was required "under instructions from the Government of India" to supply to a Chinese firm all the cloth it required for urgent despatch to China. We in India do not grudge our Chinese brothers the fulfilment of their urgent needs. We would gladly and cheerfully help them. This must be made clear. Having done that, we want to ask two questions, assuming, of course, the authenticity of the letter. What quantity of cloth was thus sent to China from Calcutta? And what did the Government of India do to make up for the loss of Bengal of that much cloth? Considering the exceptionally grave crisis that Bengal has suffered and is still undergoing owing to scarcity of cloth, a full and immediate statement is due to the public by the Government of India.

End In Sight

One cannot help sharing the optimism of those who think that the end of war in Europe is in sight. The last two or three days have seen sensational developments on the Western Front. American Ninth Army tanks have rolled fifty miles in twenty-four hours to reach on Wednesday the river Elbe south of Magdeburg. At this point the Americans are only 70 miles from Berlin with the Elbe as the only water barrier to cross. And, of course, Zhukov is much nearer Berlin from the east. It is not possible to see how a link-up can be delayed beyond a few short days. In Central Germany Patton's Third Army which is driving towards the Czech border has now been enveloped in "security black-out." Spectacular advances have become a normal affair with General Patton and he may emerge anywhere out of the blackout when it is lifted. In the south and centre too an Allied-Russian link-up is, therefore, merely a matter of a few short days. The end is certainly in sight.

Protecting "Prestige"

The prestige of officialdom particularly of the I.C.S. must be preserved. If the principle is much too absurd that the divine service can do absolutely no wrong, the wrong must be insisted on to be not so much of a wrong really. This explains Sir Richard Tottenham's performance in the Central Assembly on the question of the conduct of Mr. Le Bailly, Deputy Commissioner and President of the Delhi Municipality. Mr. Le Bailly was handed by the Vice-President notice of a resolution on the Chimur and Ashti prisoners and tore it to pieces. Sir Richard Tottenham declined to accept a short-notice question on the subject on the plea that in his opinion this was eminently a case of least said, soonest mended. For a person like Sir Richard Tottenham to affect this kind of idealism is a case of prize irony! But he had to defend a fellow official and an I.C.S man.

Ridiculous Defence

He failed in his effort to suppress the whole incident by declining to accept a short notice question. How unjustifiable was his refusal is shown by the fact that the President of the Assembly himself felt constrained to criticise him for it. He failed because the matter was brought up on an adjournment motion and he had to attempt to explain away Mr. Le Bailly's conduct while opposing the motion. What was his explanation? Mr. Le Bailly, he urged, meant no offence. All that he did was that having ruled the resolution out of order, he "quietly tore up the paper and dropped it in the waste paper basket"! Is it customary for a Municipal President, even for Mr. Le Bailly, himself "quietly" to tear up the paper and drop it in the waste paper basket every time a resolution is ruled out of order? The ridiculous defence by Sir Richard Tottenham has not succeeded in convincing any one that Mr. Le Bailly did not behave discourteously and provocatively. But the prestige of the "Service" was involved in the matter and Sir Richard Tottenham could not do more than offer a meaningless assurance on behalf of Mr. Le Bailly. We regret that the President of the Assembly should have ruled the adjournment motion out of order on the basis of an "assurance." We regret it all the more because he thinks that Municipal Commissioners should take proper action themselves in matters like this. What proper action can they take when the Delhi Municipality enjoys by law the unique distinction of having an official as its President?

Moral Purity, First Requisite For Social Freedom

Gandhiji's Advice To Women At Borivli Shibir

Mahatma Gandhi, after having a talk with the trainees of the Borivli Shibir, addressed a prayer gathering in the evening at Borivli on Wednesday.

At the prayer meeting, he said that if they felt it a burden to learn both Sanskritised Hindi and Urdu scripts and forms, he could only say Swaraj was not to be had easily and without toil. Where there was love, toil was no trouble, but pleasure.

The following is the authorised version of the talk which Gandhiji gave during his visit to the trainees and of his address at the prayer gathering:—

Visit To Shibir

Gandhiji visited the Borivli Shibir organised by Shrimati Mridulaben Sarabhai under the auspices of the Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Fund at 4 p.m. on Wednesday. After going round the camp he came to the open air place where the women trainees had gathered together.

A large contingent of cameramen were present at the camp. Their cameras continuing to click, Gandhiji began his remarks by requesting them to give him a little respite. There was a time and place for everything in life, he told them. He had trained himself to listen to the inner voice irrespective of his surroundings. But in that he had succeeded only partially. He could not keep himself absolutely unaffected by his surroundings. Therefore he requested the photographers to spare him while he was trying to express his deepest feelings. Photography out of time and place was not art but vulgarity.

Dealing with the question of prayer he said that he had learnt that common prayers had been excluded from their routine lest any one should feel that religion was being imposed upon her or him. Speaking for himself, he could say that he could do and had often done without food for days on end, but he could not do without prayer even for a single day. Individual prayer was there but no one should fight shy of collective prayer. Man was a social being. If men and women could eat together, play together and work together, why should they not pray together? Why should any one feel the need to pray away from everybody's gaze? Was there anything sinful or shameful in prayer that it should not be said in public? For close on fifty years he had been a believer in a public prayer. From his earliest days in South Africa he had among his associates and co-workers men and women of every religion. Hindus, Muslims, Christians and Parsis, all used to join him in the prayer. In India men and women in crowds attended his prayers wherever he went. He had been told that they did not come to attend the prayers. They came just to have his *darshan*. Even if it was so, they came because they wanted to join him—a man of prayer. He was aware that he had not come as near to God as he wanted to. His realisation of truth and *ahimsa* was still far from perfect, otherwise there would be no need for him to use speech. His very being would radiate truth and *ahimsa* so that they would be able to see it on his face and feel its presence. He had often said that the perfect *ahimsa* of one individual was quite enough for the whole world. Whatever measure of success he had attained in the realisation of truth and non-violence was the result of prayer.

STORY OF PROPHET DANIEL

Prayer should be a spontaneous upswelling of the heart. One should not pray if one felt that the prayer was a burden. God was not hungry for man's prayer or praise. He tolerated all because He was all Love. If they felt that they owed a debt to Him who is the Giver of all things, they should remember Him and pray to Him out of sheer gratitude. The fear of incurring anybody's ridicule or displeasure should never deter one from performing one's elementary duty towards the Maker. To illustrate his remark he told them the story of Prophet Daniel.

Answering next Shrimati Mridulaben's question as to what were the good and bad points of Indians as a nation he observed that he was convinced that in the sum the former far outweighed the latter. Indians had many defects. India was a slave country and her slavery dated much farther back than the British conquest of India. Slavery of evil customs and superstitions, he knew, was the worst form of slavery. Yet the solace that he could find in India, he could find nowhere else. He had lived in England and he had spent the best part of his life in South Africa. Yet he could not adopt those countries as his home. In reply to a friend's query years ago, he had said that he wanted to die in the lap of his mother. His own mother, who was a frail little woman, had died years ago. But Mother India with her 80 crores of hands, 80 crores of feet hand 40 crores of mouths had beckoned to him from across the seas and he could not resist that call.

What did it matter if that venerable mother appeared sick and paralysed to-day? It was not for him to proclaim India's virtues. As for her shortcomings he had been proclaiming them from the housetops ever since his return to India. But if he were pressed to name only one shortcoming of Indians he would say that the worst was cowardice.

PRESERVE MORAL RESTRAINTS

Another friend asked how women would go into the villages and work under the Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Fund scheme handicapped as they were by so many restrictions. Gandhiji's reply was that he had expected that their first lesson in the camp was to learn to break all social restrictions that cramped or degraded them. He, however, warned them that this did not mean throwing off of all moral restraints. There was at present a woeful deterioration of moral standards in society among men. Even those who talked loudly about enforcing monogamy through law did not practise it themselves. The same tendency was beginning to manifest itself among women. He had known educated girls who thought nothing of marrying men having a living wife. He called this degradation of womanhood. Such views could not be defended under the pretence of banishing social superstitions or vice. Did the emancipation of women mean that they should imitate men in that respect? Certainly not. India could never win Swaraj, certainly not the Swaraj of his conception, by following that path.

Uttermost moral purity was the first requisite for establishing social freedom. No one who lacked moral purity was qualified to lead a crusade against evil social restrictions.

The next question was how they were to deal with the question of untouchability in the villages. He agreed that the problem of untouchability in the villages was very acute. But those who went there should go with the grim determination to destroy it root and branch or perish in the attempt. They should begin with the scavengers. Unfortunately, there was untouchability even among the so-called untouchables. They should mix with them, and eat and drink with them, provided they observed the rules of cleanliness and sanitation. They could inculcate these habits upon them by cooking for them and cleaning up their homes for them.

NO DICTATION FROM RICH

Another question expressed the fear that since capitalists had contributed the bulk of the Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Fund and since they were taken on committees their influence would dominate the organisation and vitiate it. Gandhiji dismissed the apprehension as groundless. He maintained that in endorsing the acceptance of donations of the rich he had not in any way accepted their dictation nor did they seek or expect any such thing from him. Monied men were in a majority only in the Board of Trustees, but that did not mean that they dominated or wanted to dominate the organization. In fact they had offered voluntarily to retire from the Board after the fund had been collected and would have gladly done so had he expressed such a desire. But he wanted not only their donations but their talent, goodwill and services for the cause and so they continued to be on the Board.

He refused to believe that the capitalists were necessarily a bad lot or worse than members of any other class. In this world every one was imperfect. He was too well aware of his own imperfections to presume to judge others. His 'ahimsa' required him to be rigorous in viewing his own shortcomings but to be charitable in judging others. It was enough if he could eradicate his own. If, therefore, instead of cavilling at the faults of others we turned the searchlight inward and concentrated on self-purification, the world would become a better place to live in and the general social purification would be reflected in the capitalist class too. He could not therefore, concluded Gandhiji, say to the capitalists that unless they renounced all their riches he would have nothing to do with them. Complete renunciation of one's possessions was a thing which very few even among the ordinary folk were capable of. All that one could legitimately expect of the wealthy class was to hold their riches in trust and use them for the service of society. To insist upon more would be to kill the goose that laid the golden eggs.

NATIONAL LANGUAGE

After a hurried meal he was motored to the prayer meeting. It was attended by thousands but was orderly and the people observed silence during the prayer and the speech which was in Hindustani. After the prayer Gandhiji said he was reminded by Balasaheb Kher that he had visited Borivli after twenty years. He did not think it was such a long time. He was glad to be able to renew their acquaintance after such a long period. On them rested a great responsibility owing to Shrimati Mridulaben's Shibir in their midst. They should interest themselves in it. He then turned to Khan Saheb and said, if he was to be friends with Khan Saheb was he to expect him to learn Sanskritised Hindi or was he, the speaker, bound to speak and write to him in Urdu? But Khan Saheb was every one's friend. Therefore it was the duty of the audience to learn the national language in both the forms and both scripts. Thus and thus alone could the all-India language permeate the whole of India. In this at least there should be no Pakistan and he who wished to make common cause with Hindus and Muslims was bound to learn the two scripts and two forms. A time would then come when the two forms of speech will become one. If they felt it a burden to learn the script, he could only say Swaraj was not to be had easily and without toil. Where there was love toil was no trouble but pleasure.

The speaker then alluded to the evening 'bhajan' sung at the prayer. Its burden was that the way to God was for the valiant, not for the timid. But God was not to be reached by slaves. Therefore the 'bhajan' was also for those who wanted to throw off their slavery.

The speaker then concluded that slavery must be the lot of those who hugged untouchability and that too in the name of religion. He wanted therefore to repeat what he had said so often, namely, that Hinduism must perish if untouchability lived.

After the speech which was listened to in silence and with attention a collection was made for the Harijan cause. This was well responded to.

CHRISTIAN CLERGY AT VARIANCE

Disturbance At Divine Service In Hume Memorial Church

"A Church Member" writes:—

The Hume Memorial Church is self supporting and independent Indian Church and financed by Indian Christians. It is independent of Foreign Missions or Bombay Church Council, which is purely an Advisory body, but which is trying to assume control of administration and management of finances of the Hume Memorial Church. The Hume Memorial Church is 115 years old and has been congregational in its faith and administration, whereas the Bombay Church Council has been functioning only for the last nineteen years as an advisory body for things, such as common evangelism.

There has been for the last two years propaganda by certain Missionaries and their paid agents against the Hume Memorial Church and its popular Pastor. The Bombay Church Council passed a Resolution on 21st March, 1945, asking one foreign missionary, Mr. Ross G. Thomas of the Inter Mission Business Office, Fort, Bombay, to take charge of the Hume Memorial Church pulpit and the internal management of the Hume Memorial Church against the wishes of the congregation and without their consent, thinking that Mr. Thomas might frighten the Pastor and congregation into submission. Thereupon the whole Indian Congregation consisting of 700 to 800 people passed a resolution on Easter Sunday during the Church Service unanimously to sever the connection of the Hume Memorial Church with the Bombay Church Council, which is full of foreign missionaries, and their paid agents and mission-minded people and whose aim is to bring the Indian Churches under the Mission control and their agents.

Last Sunday the 8th April 1945 Mr. Ross Thomas entered the Hume Memorial Church with his satellites and disturbed the Divine Service (worship) on the pretext that he had come to take charge of the pulpit. Mr. Ross Thomas is not an ordained minister, nor a member of the Bombay Church Council nor a voting member of the Hume Memorial Church. But the Pastor, Revd. K. L. Shinde, B.A., B.D., who was calm and firm, told Mr. Thomas not to disturb the Church Divine Service and said to him that he nor the Bombay Church Council had any authority to interfere in the Hume Memorial Church affairs without the consent of the congregation. Whereupon Mr. Thomas and a dozen of his satellites left the Church.

While this was happening inside the Hume Memorial Church, Byculla, the Revd. James Kellock, Principal of the Wilson College, and a Member of the aforesaid Bombay Church Council was waiting in his car on the road outside the Church compound for the result. The Revd. K. L. Shinde, Pastor of the Hume Memorial Church, conducted the Church Service from the pulpit as usual. This Church has been congregational in its faith and administration from its inception in 1827.

Kolhapur Congressman Arrested

HUBLI April 12. (A.P.I.) Ratnappi Kumbhare a Congress worker of Kolhapur state and Secretary of the Kolhapur States People's Conference, was arrested at Hoogi on April 9.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT

LONDON, April 11.

The British Ambassador in Moscow, Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, has so far been unable to throw any light on the question of 15 Polish underground leaders, who, according to the Polish Government in London, disappeared after presenting themselves on March 27-28 at the headquarters of General Ivanov representing the Russian High Command of the First White Ruthenian front.—Reuter.

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The Governor-General has disallowed adjournment motions sought to be moved in the Central Assembly and Council of State to discuss Sir Firoz Khan Noon's oration at the Empire Conference.

And thus has been clearly established the "sovereign status" of Noon's and Mudaliar's India.

The Junior Colleague hopes that a further measure of sovereignty has also been taken by those concerned, to wit, censoring any report of the motions and their fate if addressed to America, etc.

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The British Cabinet, says a London report, will this week "consider the Indian issue in what may be its preliminary perusal of the recommendations fabricated by Mr. Amery and Lord Wavell."

"Fabricated" is the word.

There is another word very much in use in certain quarters, namely, "forge." It, too, is THE word in its own context.

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Condemning the Sapru proposals, Mr. I. I. Chundrigar says: "With the acceptance of Pakistan, the presence of the third party will no longer be necessary to settle their disputes."

The admission about the use and usefulness of the third party is very welcome.

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In a cable to Lord Wavell, Mr. Hoosainbhoy Lalljee demands political, religious and constitutional rights on behalf of 20 million Shia Musalmans.

We endorse this demand. If 80 million Muslims must have sovereign Pakistan in an India of 350 million why shouldn't 20 million Shias have Shiastan in Pakistan?

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Sir Richard Tottenham explained in the Central Assembly that he declined to accept a short notice question because 'this was in his opinion a case of the least said, the soonest mended.'

Eminently, indeed, pre-eminently, the "case," you see, being Mr. Le Bailly, Deputy Commissioner of Delhi.

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A Calcutta paper alleges that "when cloth famine stared us in the face, the India Government drained Calcutta to supply China."

We hope we don't forget the spring-source and start quarrelling with China.

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"The United States First and Ninth Armies are tonight racing neck to neck for Berlin."—Reuter.

Marshal Zhukov, however, still leading with some six lengths.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

The man who is born rich is lucky from the start.

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Some persons are born poor, some achieve poverty and some thrust poverty upon others.

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A man may dodge the earthly collectors but he must pay the debt of nature as he goes.

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If a man avoids scraping acquaintances, he misses a lot of scrapes that acquaintances get a man into.

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Evil that men do lives after them. Even when an amateur cornetist dies, he cannot take the fatal instrument with him.

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It is in accord with the eternal fitness of things that the fluting of the amateur musician should ruffle his neighbour's temper.

"B.E.S.T." Workers' Strike

You have published in your issue of the 12th instant an account of the Press Conference held at the Office of the B E S T Workers Union, and amongst many incorrect statements is a remark by Mr. Adam Adil to the effect that I said "I am determined to crush the workers." I have never uttered these words or any words to that effect.

A. S. TROLLIP,
General Manager,
The Bombay Electric Supply & Tramways Co. Ltd.

CONVERSION SCANDAL IN GOA

Goan Youth League Blames "Timorous Leaders Of The People"

In connection with the recent scandal of the attempt to baptise under pressure a Hindu girl in Goa, detailed accounts of which have already appeared in the English and Marathi Press in British India, the General Secretary of the Goan Youth League has issued the following statement to the Press:—

After considering first-hand reports from Goa and carefully weighing up the evidence in the case, the executive committee of the Goan Youth League has come to the conclusion that the reports in the Indian Press regarding the attempt to baptise under pressure a Hindu girl in Goa are substantially correct. We must, however, request our Hindu brethren not to be provoked by this incident and not to let it serve to sow discord and disunity between the two communities. We must emphasise that the issue is not a religious but a political one. The fact that a number of Government officials are involved in this scandal, that they have not been brought to book, that press reports have been entirely suppressed and protest meetings disallowed in Goa, show that the whole affair is an official move to create disunion and ill-will between the two sections of the Goan people who were being drawn together by their common trials and sufferings in the present famine.

But if matters have been allowed to go so far, the blame must be shared to a certain extent by the timorous leaders of the people in Goa, both Hindus and Catholics who have failed to react manfully against earlier violations of the Civil Liberties, in order not to lose personal favour with the officials. Catholics who resent the use of their religion as an instrument for the denationalisation of the people, who feel that their religion can do without such disgraceful patronage from officialdom, who realise that the spread of Christianity has been hindered rather than helped by its subserving the interests of foreign Imperialists, must vigorously protest against the policy of discrimination against Hindus, particularly in the sphere of education. Their aquiescence in this policy of discrimination maintains the barrier between the two communities and helps the Imperialists to "divide and rule."

The people in Goa, both Catholics as well as Hindus are profoundly shocked by this incident. But this indignation is denied expression by the Government in Goa. The Goan Youths League therefore takes the lead to protest on their behalf against this mediaeval outrage on the individual conscience and the sacred rights of the family.

Small States Of Gujarat And Kathiawar

(BY "A STATE SUBJECT")

The Crown Representative, by his communique dated the 16th April, 1943, effected the attachment of several petty States and Talukas—of whom those enjoying judicial powers number about 125—of Gujarat and Kathiawar to other larger States like Baroda, Bhavnagar, etc. Now, though these petty States are attached to other larger States the judicial powers which they enjoy at present are to be continued as before.

Now, the question is, is it desirable "in the interests of the welfare of the people of these attached States" (to quote the words of the communique itself) to continue the judicial powers that are vested in these petty States by Government? But then, are there any tests by which can be determined the desirability or otherwise of continuing the judicial powers of these States? Yes, there are such tests laid down, not by any Nationalists or Congressmen, but by the Paramount Power itself on the one hand and by the Princes themselves on the other. These tests are: (a) "An administration conducted in accordance with law; an efficient and uncorrupt police force; an efficient judicial system, strong in personal, who are secure from arbitrary interference by the Executive and are secure in the tenure of their office so long as they do their duty" (Irwin Memorandum of 14-6-27, circulated to Indian Princes). In response to the Irwin Memorandum, in February 1928, the Chamber of Princes passed a resolution which urged upon the Princes: (a) 'definite Code of Law guaranteeing liberty of person and safety of property, administered by a judiciary independent of the Executive" (P. 19, "Status of Indian Princes' by Syt. Pyarelal). Recently, the Standing Committee of the Chamber of Princes has 'strongly' recommended to the Governments of the States "the administration of justice through an impartial and competent judiciary, independent of the Executive." (b) In the communique, referred to in the beginning of this article, it is stated by His Excellency the Crown Representative that the maintenance of the powers of the States by the Paramount Power is subject to the "over-riding principle that powers shall not be abused and that nothing which is not inherently capable of survival should be artificially perpetuated."

The logical outcome of these authoritative pronouncements—if they are meant to be serious—must be that the judicial powers of those States wherein administration of justice is not still being carried on "through an impartial and competent judiciary, independent of the executive" should be immediately and permanently taken away.

It is respectfully but emphatically submitted that at least the semi-jurisdictional powers of those petty Rulers of Gujarat and Kathiawar whose States are attached to larger States in pursuance of the scheme of Attachment require immediate extinction for the following among other reasons: (1) In none of these petty States there exists a judiciary which can, by any stretch of imagination, be called either impartial or independent. In fact, barring a few instances, in every one of these States there is the same official who is a Magistrate, a civil Judge and also a Karbari (i.e., the Executive Head), who gets a monthly salary ranging from Rs 50 to Rs. 150 according to the income and size of the State concerned—and who is liable to be dismissed at any moment and at the sweet will of his master. How can you expect such a gentleman to be either impartial or independent or even uncorrupt? In point of fact also, these officials are neither impartial nor independent and are rarely uncorrupt.

(2) The Appellate Courts in these petty States are the Courts of the Thakores and Darbars themselves, most of whom know no law, whose only law is their own sweet will, and who are ever ready to teach a lesson to any one who dares even to honestly differ from them. So, it is next to impossible to hope for any impartial justice at the hands of these 'petty Czars' whose autocracy knows no bounds, especially because no regular appeal or revision lies against their decisions and orders, however illegal or unjust.

These are the rulers whose autocratic powers are still being maintained intact by the Paramount Power. Of course, the Paramount Power has promised protection even to these petty Princes, but has it not also declared unequivocally that this protection is subject to the "over-riding principle that autocratic powers shall not be abused, that nothing which is not inherently capable of survival should be artificially perpetuated", and that "what is protected continues to be worthy of protection"? Now, whatever may be said about other larger Indian States, can it be said about these petty Talukdars that they are in any way worthy of protection, especially in regard to their judicial powers? Can it be honestly maintained that these Thakores and Darbars are not abusing the powers that are vested in them by the Paramount Power? In fact, answers to these questions have already been given by the Paramount Power in the following words: "Secondly, we have the merger of petty States with their larger neighbours. There are hundreds of tiny principalities 'whose existence today is an anachronism'.....the times are no longer propitious for Jagirdars and Thakurs who seek to assert or perpetuate a semi-independence wholly incompatible with their limited resources and so inevitably harmful to the interests of the inhabitants of the areas concerned" (Lord Linlithgow in his farewell address to the Chamber of Princes, at New Delhi on 14-10-43).

If the Paramount Power really means what it says, viz., that "times are no longer propitious for Jagirdars and Thakurs" and that the despotic powers vested in them are wholly incompatible with the interests of their subjects, how is it that these despotic powers are still being maintained by it? The present is the opportune time to wipe out the limited judicial powers (dangerous especially because there is no check of higher judicial tribunals upon them) of these 'Chotta Czars,' and the Paramount Power, if it is true to its word, should do it without a moment's delay.

For First Time In History

CO-ORDINATED OFFENSIVE FOUGHT ON FOUR SIDES

American Ninth Army Reach Elbe R.—On To Berlin Now!

By D. F. Karaka,
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S.H.A.E.F., April 12 (Early Morning).

Making a dramatic advance of 50 miles the American Ninth Army's armoured spearhead reached the Elbe river at Magdeburg. Their next halt could only be Berlin, some 58 miles away. This was the American Army which crossed Rhine under Field Marshal Montgomery's command and reverted recently to the command of Genl. Bradley. The terrain that was crossed is called "borderland of Hannover Magdeburg." They went along south of the main Brunswick-Berlin road, which passes through Magdeburg, meeting some opposition at first at Wolfenbuttel, where the famous Goering Steelworks are. But once the opposition overcome the Americans broke loose along the 50-mile stretch to the Elbe river. Magdeburg is the largest town in the Prussian province of Saxony. The population is 320,000. It was an important industrial centre, vital to Germany's war production. It was also an important communications centre, having railway junction and inland harbour facilities. It is unlikely that Magdeburg itself will offer much resistance. The only delay in getting towards Berlin will be to give infantry time to catch up with the armour and secure a bridgehead across the Elbe. They say Doughnuts will be cooked in Eden Hotel in Berlin over week-end. Over Berlin Radio from which for over 12 years was heard Goebbels' voice will shortly be relayed jam session of American jazz!

FRATERNISATION IN THE CENSORS

The strain of the whole year seemed to relax at S.H.A.E.F., and correspondents were seen "fraternising" with censors.

As the news breaks over France later this morning the first signs of jubilation are likely to appear on the face. Said one French woman of middle-class whom I told the news last night "Just give me one German to keep in my charge." Her fingers clinched. Her teeth were grinding. They killed her husband before the fall of Paris. She was now checking hats in restaurant to feed her two children. In comparison with this all important piece of news the rest of the front appears almost unimportant. The American Ninth Army have stolen thunder in the Ruhr sector, also by capture of three large towns in the Ruhr, including Essen. More than half of Germany is now under Allied occupation.

But the fall of Berlin will have great psychological value even though it will not necessarily be signal of the end of war. It is the day for which millions of people have waited all over the world. It is the heart of Nazi Germany and nerve-centre of German resistance. It is significant that the Allied bomb-line has now reached somewhere between Magdeburg and Berlin. It is of even greater significance that for the first time in history has a coordinated offensive been fought on north, south, east and west. Defensives have been fought in box operations before, but never an offensive.

END OF CRUSADE?

So ends, after over five long years of blood, sweat, toil and tears, one of the greatest wars in history. To many it feels like the end of the crusade. These are the men who have endured hardships and made the greatest sacrifices. They have fought for many things and often their minds have been confused, but the great mass of thinking people have fought for the right to live—live decently in a free world. Two days ago in Brussels I saw a small group of shabby children lunching at the corner-table of one of the better hotels of the city. They were not accompanied by any elders. I asked the manager who they were, and how they could afford to eat there. He said: "They are poor orphans whom we have fed for four years. Almost every eating house does the same. They are war orphans, and so long as there is food in this house they shall have it by right. Their fathers fought for freedom I now enjoy."

That was a Belgian restaurant manager in Brussels. Returning to France I saw the route outside the airfield lined with hundreds of French people. It was late evening and their mood appeared anxious and sombre. It is a common sight, they told me. Every evening they come like that and go away and come again the next day. 'But what are they waiting for?" I asked. "They wait for their men who are returning from Germany where they have been since France fell," came the reply.

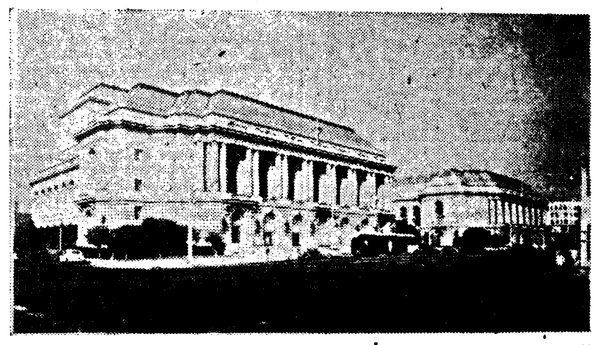
Like this they come everyday, sons of France returning to their homeland. Recently near Soest at the edge of the Ruhr pocket some four thousand French officers, who were prisoners of war were liberated. This number constitutes about one sixth of the entire officer personnel of the French Army. An American major who was the first Allied officer to enter the camp told me he saw some of the most touching scenes he has ever seen for years in prison. They had had ration of three potatoes per day per person, 500 grams turnips, and 200 grams of bread. Yet their first thoughts on being liberated were about the means of communication with their people and the news of the outside world which had been denied them. For many months they managed to keep in touch with news by means of carefully-hidden radio set, but for several months now this had ceased to function, leaving them entirely cut off from the rest of the world. They said they had not received a single Red Cross package since the Allied landing at Normandy. Hungry and half starved their first act was the raising of Allied flags in full ceremonial where Swastika had been hoisted before.

All national anthems were played by improvised orchestra made up of violins, violas and other available instruments. When the 'Marsellaise' was played an American major told me: "It practically has lifted me off my feet." He added: I looked at the French entry presenting arms and saw tears rolling down his cheeks. Gosh I nearly felt like that myself!" Such is Europe today on the eve of Berlin's fall.

ALLIED ADVANCE ON TAUNG-UP

Following the 26th Indian Division, a big Chaung landing at Letpan, east of Ramree island, Burma, and the subsequent cutting of the road which runs north from Taung-up—one of the main Jap lines of communication in the Arakan—Allied forces drove towards Taung-up itself, 3 5 miles South of their Letpan bridgehead.

'FRISCO CONFERENCE VENUE



A view of San Francisco's war memorial buildings, which will be used for the United Nations' Conference, scheduled to open in the U. S. Pacific Coast city on April 25. Plenary sessions of the conference will be held in the open house (foreground) and commission meetings and other gatherings in the Veteran's Building (background) U. S. O. W. I. Photo.

A view of the main lounge of the Veteran's Building in San Francisco.

Raids On Tokyo And Sabang

Japs Claim To Have Taken New Positions South Of Irrawaddy

NEW YORK, April 12 (Reuter).—A Japanese News Agency report picked up here states that about 150 Superfortresses raided the western section of Tokyo and Shizuoka and small forces attacked Fukoshima and Ibaraki today.

Eighty carrier planes bombed northern Formosa this morning, says a Japanese News Agency message picked up here.

SABANG RAIDED

A Japanese News Agency report picked up here states "A small enemy task force including a British battleship of the 'Queen Elizabeth' type" raided Sabang on We island off the north-western tip of Sumatra yesterday morning.

IN OKINAWA

The Japanese News Agency reports today that two Allied task forces and a "large fleet" are cruising east and south-west of Okinawa island south of the Japanese mainland.

NIMITZ SUPPORTS KING

Admiral Nimitz gave a broad hint today that he supports Commander-in-Chief Admiral King's contention that post-war retention of newly won Pacific islands is vital to the United States defence.

LONDON, April 12 (Reuter).—A Japanese News Agency dispatch from Burma says today that Japanese forces are taking up new positions south of the Irrawaddy in the area of Kyaukse and Meiktila "ready to stem future Allied drives."

"In the Kyaukse area, south of Mandalay, Japanese forces by stiff rearguard fighting are checking an enemy directed to the east," added the dispatch.

"Enemy troops supported by tanks have appeared in the Mongya area south-east of Lashio."

PROPERTY WORTH RS. 1,24,346 STOLEN FROM SAFE

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Almost a treasure trove vanished from the house of a Sindhi business magnate and landlord residing at Marine Drive, yesterday.

Mangaram Hakumatrai Mirchandani living in a luxurious flat at 69 Marine Drive, Bombay, returned from office last evening to find that his safe had been rifled and property worth Rs. 1,24,346 missing. The safe comprised cash, guineas, dollars and other valuables, one necklace alone of which is evaluated at over Rs. 80,000.

It appears that on the recommendation of some of their former servants Mr. and Mrs. Mirchandani took into their domestic employ a new bearer called Keddar, day before yesterday.

Yesterday after her husband left for his office Mrs. Mirchandani along with her baby and ayah Mary de Quadros, went to the adjacent building to see her relatives. As the baby was hungry she handed over her bunch of keys to Mary and asked her to fetch some milk for the baby.

When the ayah came home with the keys things started moving in a dramatic tempo and before she could return to her mistress the treasure from the safe had disappeared and so also had Kedar, the new servant.

Not knowing what ill-luck awaited her on arrival home, after her visit to her relatives was over Mrs. Mirchandani gaily sauntered home, but when she entered the house she found the safe had been tampered with and all precious possessions gone.

Shocked quite a bit no doubt, but still maintaining her sangfroid she conveyed the sad news to her husband over the telephone. He rushed back home post-haste and the matter was immediately reported to the police, but though the city's sleuth-hounds from our local 'Scotland Yord' have taken over the investigation into their hands, the absconding servant Kedar is still missing and so also the stolen property remains unrecovered.

The police however have arrested seven servants of the house on suspicion of abetting Kedar.

Rs. 24,000 CHEQUE FOR MAHATMA

BOMBAY, April 12 (U.P.I.): A cheque for Rs. 24,000 being net profits from the sale of the 75th birthday volume on Mahatma Gandhi was handed over to Gandhiji to-day by Mr. Vithalbhai K. Jhaveri, Miss Mridula Sarabhai and Mr. D. G. Tendulkar representing panel editors.

The first edition of "Gandhiji—his life and work" which was published on October 2, 1944 was sold out by February 1945. A limited number of copies printed on handmade paper priced at Rs. 75 was produced simultaneously and a few numbered copies are still available.

ABDUL GHAFFAR KHAN ON STUDENTS' TASK

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan addressing the Student Workers of the Bombay Students' Union this evening at Mr. S. K. Patil's residence, said. "I was very glad to accept your invitation because I am always at home while addressing the students. If we study the history of the freedom movement of Ireland or of the Russian people, we will see that the students have played chief part in their struggle. Hence the responsibility on you is greater than you imagine."

BOMBAY, Thursday.

G. W. Lynm, of Messrs. Ralli Bros. Bombay was convicted by the Chief Presidency Magistrate and sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 60 today for breach of the shops and Establishments Act.

Mr. Nathan M. Haeems, Senior Inspector of the Shops and Establisments Department prosecuting the accused stated that the latter had spread the hours of work and rest to more than 12 hours a day.

The accused pleaded not guilty and contested the interpretation of the Act.

Assembly Votes Benthall's Demands

Bhulabhai On Honourable Understanding Between Govt. And Opposition On Road-Rail Co-ordination

NEW DELHI, April 12. (A.P.I.)

The Central Assembly has adjourned *sine die*.

The Assembly to-day agreed by 49 votes to 10 to Sir Edward Benthall's supplementary demands for Rs. 82 lakhs for running motor services to relieve congestion on Railways. The Nationalist Party and Sir Cowasji Jehangir (unattached) voted against the demand, while the Congress Party abstained. The Muslim League and the European Group voted with the Government.

The Assembly resumed discussion on the War Transport Member's supplementary demand for Rs. 82 lakhs to meet miscellaneous expenses.

Mr. Ananthasayanam Ayyangar (Congress) concluding his speech, said that this was an unusual supplementary demand, as it arose from the fact that it had been inadvertantly, or by mistake rejected by the House earlier during the session.

Mr. Abdul Qaiyum (Congress) said that it would be idle to deny that some good had come out of the throwing out of the demand earlier during the session.

Mr. T. S. Avinasilingham Chetty said that on the merits of the plan, he would suggest the setting up of a proper machinery for the evaluation of the assets of the present road operators. The interests of those whose vehicles had been commandeered by the authorities and who were now left without buses or lorries should also be taken into consideration. Any arrangement arrived at should be for a specified duration, so that at a future date, it should be open to the Provincial or Central Government to acquire the transport companies.

Mr. Hooseinbhoy Lalljee supported Mr. T. S. A. Chettiar's plea that Government should reserve the right to take over road transport for themselves.

Nawabzada Liaquat Ali Khan, Deputy Leader of the Muslim League Party, strongly criticised the use of the Defence of India Rules by certain provincial governments to confer favours on certain transport companies or to eliminate certain other companies.

Mr. Bhulabhai Desai, Leader of the Opposition, said that when the Congress Party returned to the Assembly after going into the wilderness for five years, they found that they were exactly in the same position as before. The system under which we worked could not bear the strain any more. We were living a life of self-deception. We simply could not expect that anything would ever be done for the good of the people of India, while the present constitution lasted. He fully realised that the present constitution was only intended to govern the country collect taxes and keep what was called Law and Order but it had been tried long enough and until it was ended there was no future for this country. A constitution under which there would be an alternative Government if those in power did not administer power for the benefit of the people was the only possible solution of the great problem before the country. He was very happy to say that at any rate on the last day of this session, which, he hoped, would be the last of its kind, he had been able to come to some agreement with the Government.

(Mr. Desai was referring to the agreement reached between Government and the Opposition on Government's policy of road-rail co-ordination).

Mr. Desai described the agreement as an honourable understanding and one which was fair to all the three interests involved namely Railways, Provincial Governments and road operators. Though there was no machinery for implementing the agreement, he hoped that whichever Government might be in power for the time being, meaning whatever their personnel, it would deal with this problem in the spirit in which the agreement was reached, i.e., by recognising that there were three shares of the bargain.

Mr. Desai urged that during the transitional stage provincial governments should as far as possible maintain the present transport position, so that when the new organisation began to function, the small road operator would not be in difficult position. He also asked Government to remember that when the time came for providing employment for demobilised soldiers, probably a demobilised soldier was comparatively less efficient on a particular route than a man who had operated on that route for years.

Replying to the debate, Sir Edward Benthall expressed his "warmest appreciation" for the manner in which party leaders had approached the subject of Road-Rail co-ordination.

NATIONALISATION OF INDUSTRIES.

Sir Ardeshir Dalal, Member for Planning and Development, replying to Mr. Jinaraja Hegde, said in the Central Assembly to-day that some members of the Standing Committee for Planning and Development had recommended that nationalisation of some industries.

Question: Has the recent 1970-75 loan of Rs. 40 crores issued by the Government of India anything to do with the starting of heavy industries in the country?

Answer: No; the loan was part of the borrowing programme for 1945-46, and the proceeds will be used to build up Government's resources for purposes of reconstruction as stated by Sir Jeremy Raisman in his speech introducing the Budget for 1944-45.

Mr. Avinashlingham Chettiar asked whether it would be correct to say that the majority of members of the Standing Committee had recommended the nationalisation of industries.

Sir Ardeshir said that the Committee had so far only held the inaugural meeting and even the minutes had not been confirmed. The proceedings of the Committee were confidential, and its decisions would be placed before the House at the appropriate time.

He, however, stated that only three industries were recommended for nationalisation by a majority.

Council Of State

NEW DELHI, April 12 (A.P.I.)

The Council of State adjourned till Saturday, after passing the Patents and Designs Act Amendment Bill as passed by the Assembly.

A. I. W. C. Raises Question Of Indian Independence

International Alliance Of Women To Clarify Attitude Towards India

BOMBAY, April 12. (U. P. I.): The "United Press" learns that the All-India Women's Conference had asked the International Alliance of Women, to which it is affiliated for a clarification of its attitude towards the question of Indian Independence, "as the Conference finds it increasingly difficult to belong to any international body, while India's equality of status with other countries remains unrecognised."

In response to this, Mrs. Corbett Ashby, President of the International Alliance of Women, asked the A.I.W.C. to place before the next Board meeting of the Alliance a resolution on India. Accordingly the A.I.W.C. is placing before the Board a resolution embodying the principles of freedom, equality and justice for all and stating that no lasting peace will be possible unless it leads to the abolition of Imperialism and liberates all enslaved countries, including India.

The resolution "reminds the women of all lands and particularly those of England, America and the Soviet Union of the special responsibility which is theirs in seeking the fulfilment of these principles".

A meeting of the Standing Committee of the All-India Women's Conference will take place in Surat from May 9 to 12 next, says a press note issued by the A.I.W.C.

Why Status Of Equality With Congress?

BOMBAY, April 12 (A.P.I.)—Babu Purushottamdas Tandon, Speaker of the U.P. Assembly addressing a meeting at the National Week Exhibition at Matunga tonight expressed his opposition to giving the Muslim League a status of equality with the Congress. He said that suggestions made by certain parties that the League and the Congress should be given 50-50 in the centre would reduce the Congress to the position of a communal body. The only organisation which could stand face to face with the Muslim League was the Hindu Maha Sabha.

Mr. Tandon strongly opposed the adoption of parliamentary programme by the Congress which was a National organisation wedded to complete independence.

Mr. Nagindas Master, ex-Mayor presided.

No More Call-Up Of 1914 Men

LONDON, April 12 (Reuter).—The Minister for Labour, Mr. Bevin, announced in the House of Commons today that in general as from May 1, he did not propose to call up any more men born in 1914 or earlier except in so far as they may be required to meet the demands of the forces for tradesmen or specialists or for other special reasons.

Death Of Dr. C. L. D'Avoine

The "Bombay Chronicle" regrets to announce the death of Dr. C. L. D'Avoine the well-known medical practitioner of Bombay which occurred at his residence at Cirrus Avenue Byculla at 4 a.m. on Thursday.

Dr. D'Avoine had been in failing health for the past three years and his end was not unexpected.

For the past 30 years or more he was a leader in public life in the City. He took an active part as a Positivist and Rationalist in propagating his beliefs and was involved in many controversies in which he displayed his high intellectual power.

Ahmedabad Share Market

AHMEDABAD, April 12.

Despite steadier Bombay advices local shares, particularly Calico ruled easy on persistent unloading by bull operators.

Aryodaya ginning 545; Ambika 466; Calico 1379; Gujrat Cotton 32; Jupiter 362; Marsdon 190; Monogram 166; Raipur 1426. Ramkrishna 415; Ratnaratna 248/12/0; Vijay 472/0; Saraspur 570.

Indian Nationalism's Challenge To United Nations

BY H. G. MUDGAL, M.A. (Col.)

Time has come for Indian Nationalism to open a new front in the very midst of the United Nations in order to achieve India's freedom quickly without any Indian going to jail for it. While most of our efforts must be made within India itself, it will be most helpful and desirable to make use of diplomacy to destroy all opposition, both internal and external, to our and our children's freedom.

Indian Nationalism must recognize that as a conscious anti-fascist, anti-imperialist and anti-aggressionist force its hands are the cleanest. It must also become aware that its moral, spiritual and intellectual influence on world politics is enormous if this power and this influence were properly made use of by our leaders, Indian Nationalism, irrespective of whether British imperialists oppose or acquiesce, can be present at San Francisco or at Kalamazoo or at Timbuctoo like a Benevolent Banco's Ghost.

Mere denunciation of the British puppets, Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar, Sir Feroz Khan Noon and Sir Krishnamachari, is not enough. Indian Nationalism must serve notice that it will not under any circumstances accept the arrangements made by the Big Powers at Dumbarton Oaks or by the "Big Three" at Yalta nor the decisions of San Francisco unless its own accredited leaders have an equal voice in arriving at and accept those arrangements.

BIG POWERS' PLAN

It is now clear to Indian Nationalists that the arrangements made at Dumbarton Oaks and Yalta are only for the benefit of the Big Powers, particularly of Britain, Russia and the United States and possibly of France. They are trying to divide the world among themselves by buttressing western imperialism and by suppressing and exploiting the peoples of Asia and Africa under the pretext of the latter being "still backward". Indian Nationalism alone is capable of challenging these pretentions of the Western Powers, and if it fails a new aggression by the Allied victors will menace mankind, an insidious aggression open here and disguised there, but self-sanctified everywhere.

It is imperative for Indian Nationalism to warn the world that it will unceremoniously repudiate all devices, treaties and understandings aimed to keep India, Asia and Africa in bondage to any European or American Power. It must warn that it will lead an active, moral revolt against all forms of aggression, imperialism and exploitation.

Indian Nationalism must go a step further. It must lay down a programme of its own to secure an enduring and just peace, guaranteeing freedom and prosperity to all peoples and nations, big and small without molestation by any of their neighbours.

Indian Nationalism should, therefore, demand that peace must be organized on a long term basis and not merely for twenty-five years, as President Roosevelt and Anthony Eden would have it. In order to achieve such a peace it should demand that the British, French, Russian, Netherlands, Belgian, Spanish and Portuguese imperialism in Asia and Africa must come to an end forthwith.

Indian Nationalism should demand that the Western Powers shall have no control over Asiatic peoples and governments as long as the Asiatic Powers have no control over European and American peoples and governments.

RECONSTITUTE SECURITY COUNCIL

Indian Nationalism should demand that the Security Council as envisaged at Dumbarton Oaks the reconsituted to include among its permanent members India, China, Arab Union and Island India (Dutch East Indies) to represent Asia, and Ethiopia to represent Africa, Britain, Russia and France to represent Europe and the United States and another South or Central American state to represent the Americas, all these states to be sovereign and independent.

Indian Nationalism should demand that all nations, big and small, disarm themselves simultaneously and that the enlarged Security Council control their production of armaments, war industries, standing armies, navies and air forces.

Indian Nationalism should propose that the International Military Organization to guard world peace should consist of a Standing Force of one million effectives in all the services, to which every member nation should contribute men in proportion to its population and moneys in proportion to its revenues. It should also propose that each nation's forces be commanded by its own nationals and that a supreme commander be elected from among and by the national commanders of all the member nations.

Indian Nationalism should demand that the notion of "White Supremacy" must be liquidated forthwith if world peace is to be built on a secure foundation, that economic exploitation of weaker nations be discarded, that the industrialization of undeveloped and suppressed countries be quickened and that social, educational, cultural and commercial relations of all countries be placed on a co-operative basis.

"Times" Suggests American Kind Of Constitution For India

"It is for India And Not Britain To Judge Sapru Committee's Plan", It Says

LONDON, April 11: A suggestion that the Swiss and the American constitutions might well be examined in drawing up the constitutional proposals for India is made by the "Times" to-day in a leader, on the Indian Conciliation Committee's recommendation for India's future constitution.

"It is for India and not for Britain to judge the Sapru Committee's plan", writes the "Times". "But there are certain comments that may be tendered with propriety even at this early stage. The Committee appears to cling closely to the conception of "Responsible Government" as evolved in Westminster.

Would it not be wise to examine other constitutions—for example the Swiss and the American—which have been designed to meet problems similar to those of India but of a kind, for which Britain herself has never needed to provide?

"ALMOST GREATEST POWER".

LONDON, April 11: India's attitude to Canada's proposals for recognised status for the "Middle Powers" in the post-war security plans which had been put forward during the Commonwealth talks here between Britain, India and the four Dominions had been markedly sympathetic, cables Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent.

Her immense population and the vastness of her military and industrial effort in this war clearly place India in the category of the "almost greatest" powers, and it has often been pointed out, and not only by Indians, that in some respects India falls little short of China and in others surpasses her in technical qualifications for the great power status measured in terms of her present war effort and future potential.

CHRYSLER GATHERING 15,000 TRUCKS & TECHNICIANS FOR CHINA

Fifteen thousand American heavy trucks scientifically designed to the conditions in China are now to move into China as part of the vast program of the Chinese Government, and the American Army and the Foreign Economic Administration to improve China's internal transportation as quickly as possible, reports Central News from New York.

The trucks, mechanics and technicians all are being gathered together at the Chrysler Corporation Plant in Detroit, Michigan.

Whiting Willauer, official of the F.E.A. and assistant to Leo T. Crowley, head of the F.E.A., is the man credited with the organization of this major enterprise for China. Willauer is well-known in China. In 1941 he was Executive Secretary of China Defence Supplies, the Chinese Government's agency handling Lend-Lease requisitions. He has made many trips to China and the most recent one was with Donald Nelson to make a study of China's war production.

The success of this whole new enterprise will depend upon the three way co-operation of the Chinese Government, the American Army and the F.E.A.—(China Information Bulletin).

I. J. SINGH WARNS, NO CHANGE OF MASTERS !

Deplores Reported Negotiations For Indo-American Partnership

NEW YORK, April 11. (Reuter): Sirdar J. J. Singh was re-elected President of the India League of America for the fourth consecutive year at the Annual Executive Committee meeting of the League to-day.

Pearl S. Buck the Nobel Prize winner, and Doctor Lin Yutang the Chinese philosopher continue to be Honorary Presidents of the League

Sardar J. J. Singh told Reuter "Disclosures by Mr. Pillai, if true, would have great ramifications in Anglo-American post-war relations, ships but I suspect his speech was inspired by interested parties and was of the nature of a veiled warning.

If Mr. Pillai's statements have a sound foundation, it would be up to the recognised democratic leaders in India to resist any such combination which would bring about Indo-American economic exploitation of the people and resources of India.

I am sure we do not just want to change masters. On the contrary, what we want is not only political freedom but also a human bill of rights which would protect the masses of Idnia raise their standard of living and bring an end to the exploitation of millions".

Representatives Show Preference

WASHINGTON, April 11, (Reuter): Representatives of Indian "Big Business" in the United States have been pushing a plan to secure co-operation of American industrialists in the capture of the markets of the Far and the Middle East, an official of the United States Chamber of Commerce said to-day.

This official was questioned on the allegations made in London by Mr A. E. Pillai representative of the Indian Radical Democratic Party that an alliance of Indian and American "Big Business" was being sought "to take the markets either vacated by Japan or at present to be seized from Britain.

He told Reuter that two of the Indian Representatives at the International Business Conference at Rye, New York expressed themselves loudly on the subject and later travelled round the country, presumably to advance their beliefs.

During the Rye Conference they definitely showed preference for the United States financial support over and above that of any other country. Their plans never were put on paper however and were not accepted by the Conference".

Dr. J. A. D'Souza, Mayor of Bombay, meets Mahatma Gandhi

TEACHERS' 36-HOUR FAST

(From Our Correspondent)

DAHANU, April 12.

Tomorrow 1,200 primary teachers of Thana District will go on 36 hours' fast, as a protest against low wages. Their demand for dearness allowance of Rs. 18 per month, pending revision of the scales, has not met with satisfactory response from the authorities. The fast will be followed by a mute procession if and where permissible.

MOBILE X-RAY—ONE OF WAR'S NEW WONDERS

One of the strangest cases of war surgery ever reported took place in the South Pacific in the early part of October, 1942. At a U.S. Marine Corps Base, 23-year-old Allen L. Gordon was at his post when he was hit below the chest by a 20-millimeter anti-aircraft shell which pierced his intestines and lodged in his left hip. By chance the shall did not explode. Gingerly, young Gordon was carried to the medical tent by his comrades. Doctors using a small, portable X-ray machine, made pictures while Gordon lay on a coat. The medical officers worked behind a steel plate for fear the shell would explode—a possibility at any moment. The X-ray revealed the shell in clear outline, and the operation was performed successfully.

The immediate medical attention received by this Marine underlines the modern application of X-ray to war. America's allies have benefited from use of these same mobile X-ray units under lend-lease; for example, more than 200 have been sent to Russia.

One of the leading U.S. producers of this special equipment is the Picker X-ray Company which makes a mobile unit that can fit into three suitcases. These units are flown into combat areas, set up in eight minutes either in a tent or in the open field, and are operated by a gasoline electric generator.

General Dwight D. Eisenhower cited these mobile units for distinguished service in the North African campaign and since then no combat area has been without them.

In American war industry, X-ray is used for inspection purposes. For example while airplanes are still on the production line they are inspected by X-ray for any defects. The wide voltage range in one X-ray machine makes it possible to inspect such diverse materials and thicknesses as four and one-half inches of steel or a quarter-inch aluminium alloy.

American industries that make millions of machine-parts need speeded-up inspection to prevent bottlenecks; therefore, for continuous inspection, many war plants employ fluoroscopy, or temporary pictures taken on a screen. Eight hundred individual production parts per hour have been known to pass under the inspection of a single X-ray machine. If a permanent picture is wanted, a simple adjustment translates this process into regular radiography.

Not only materials in heavy industry, but such diverse products as milk and precious germs are inspected by X-ray. Voltage range may be from 2,000 to 2,000,000: equipment can weigh a few pounds up to several tons; and the X-ray tube itself may vary from four inches to many feet in length.—USOWI.

Suburban Boy Scouts' Rally

(From Our Correspondent)

BANDRA, April 11.

Suburban Boy Scouts, Wolf Cubs and Rover Crews, held their 10th Annual Rally, sponsored by the Bombay Suburban Boy Scouts' Association on Saturday last before a large gathering. Mr. E. W. Perry, Chief Secretary to Government of Bombay, presided.

The Tyrell Shield for Boy Scouts was won by the Sacred Heart Boys School Scout troop of Santa Cruz. The Talati Shield for Wolf Cubs was won by the St. Stanislaus High School Wolf Cub Pack of Bandra. The Mr. Marshall D'Mello Cup for Rovers was won by St. Andrew's Parish Crew, Bandra. The Commissioners own Group prize for 1945-46 was awarded to the Sacred Heart Boys School Scout Troop of Santa Cruz. Mrs. Perry distributed the prizes. In the midst of the games 'one minute' silence was observed in memory of the late Pilot Officer Egbert D'Souza, who died in action, who was an ex-scout of the St. Andrew's High School Troop. The Last Post was sounded in his memory.

Students' March To The University

A procession of students marched to the University of Bombay to put forward their grievances as regards Algebra paper before the University Syndicate.

On behalf of the students Mr. Prahlad Mehta of the Bombay Students' Union explained to the members of the Syndicate students' difficulties in connection with the Algebra paper and demanded that 'ad-hoc' marks should be added to the total in Mathematics. The Vice-Chancellor and the members assured him that the qustion will be fully discussed during the meeting of the Syndicate. Then the students dispersed peacefully.

SAUDI ARABIAN DELEGATE TO 'FRISCO

Ali Abdullah Alirez has been named delegate from Saudi Arabia to the San Francisco Conference. He is an engineering student at the University of California.—USOWI.

"DON'T BE INFLUENCED BY EXTREMISTS"

Eden's Appeal To New Greek Govt. Discourages Right Wing Extremists

LONDON, April 11 (Reuter): Reuter's diplomatic correspondent, London, writes: Foreign Secretary Mr. Eden's declaration in the House of Commons today in reply to questions that "it is certainly our hope that the new Greek Government will act with impartiality during this difficult period and refuse to be influenced by extremists of either side" is a timely discouragement to those Right Wing extremists who were chiefly responsible for the fall of the Plastiras Cabinet and who lost no occasion to suggest that Britain was tacitly if not actively in sympathy with their campaign for a plebiscite on the question of Monarchy.

Mr. Eden also said he did not think it would be less than three or four months before either a plebiscite or general elections could be held in Greece.

It is thought here that the campaign to stampede the new Greek Government into a quick plebiscite will continue.

Model Mill To Test New Cotton Plans

LONDON, April 4 (Globe).—Progress is being made with an experimental plan for operating a trial cotton mill in a bid to evolve modern and more efficient staffing and better lay-out of machinery.

A committee of leading men in the cotton industry will act as directors of the experimental mill under a Cotton Board scheme which will include tests of the capacity of new machinery.

Various spinning mills have been offered for the experiments and premises selected for the first tests are expected to be announced in the next few weeks.

It has been agreed that departure may be made from existing recognised practices providing that no operative suffers any reduction in earnings or is obliged to work under new arrangements without right of appeal to the supervisory committee (which includes representatives of both employers and employees).

Thus, says the Manchester correspondent of the "Financial Times" for the first time in any modernisation experiments the two sides will have equal access to the results of new methods which may have profound influence on wages and efficiency in post-war industry.

The Mulund Rationing Office has been shifted from Raghunath Building on Zaveri Road to Purshottam Khaira's Bungalow on Crown Road, Mulund.

More Students For Agricultural Research

NEW DELHI, April 11 (A.P.I.)

The Government of India have decided to expand the facilities for post-graduate training and to admit 50 students a year from April 1945, onward at the Imperial Agricultural Research Institute, with a view to meeting the growing demand for the training of higher agricultural staff at the centre and in the provinces and states.

Plea For Direct Sind-Bombay Rail Line

KARACHI, April 10, (A.P.I.)

A joint deputation of the Karachi Indian Merchants Association and the Buyers and Shippers Chamber is shortly proceeding to Delhi to press on the Railway Board the urgency of taking into hand the project of a direct Sind-Bombay railway line. It is understood that the Government of Sind is also of the view that the two leading ports on the western coast of India, Bombay and Karachi, should be linked by as short a rail route as soon as possible after the war.

Spain Breaks With Japan

Alleged Jap Atrocities On Spanish Subjects Cause Rupture

MADRID, April 11 (Reuter): Spain has broken off relations with Japan.

Reuter adds that following reports of Japanese atrocities against Spanish subjects in Philippines, the Spanish Government at the end of March had sent a note of protest to Japan demanding explanation of outrages and stating that the Spanish Government would no longer protect Japan's interests in the countries at war with Japan.

An official statement issued in Madrid said that at least 162 Spaniards had been assassinated by the Japanese and at least twice that number wounded while 80 per cent of Spanish property had been destroyed.

The principal atrocities, the statement said, were committed in the Spanish Consulate in Manila where refugees were assassinated before the building was set on fire and in the Concordia college, a religious institution.

The Falangist Party Political Board which met earlier today before General Franco, expressed its solidarity with the Spanish Government in connection with any measure which might be taken in defence of Spanish interests following consideration of the results of an official investigation regarding the Japanese atroci-

Britain Will Not Influence Franco, Says Eden

LONDON, April 11 (Reuter).—Mr. Anthony Eden, Foreign Secretary, replying to a question in the Commons today about the possibility of Spain declaring war against Japan declared: "Whether or not to declare war against Japan is a matter entirely for the Spanish Government. The British Government have no intention of attempting to influence their decision nor is their attitude towards General Franco's Government likely to be affected by this decision."

Mr. Eden was replying to Conservative Major Adams who asked if Mr. Eden would make it clear to the Spanish Government that a declaration of war at this stage against Japan to enable Spain gain favour with the United Nations would not be acceptable to the British Government.

Mr. Eden's reply was a written one.

POLSON CASE IN PRIVY COUNCIL

Defence Council Urges To Uphold Judgment Of Bombay High Court

LONDON, April 11 (Reuter): The hearing of the appeal of the Commissioner of Income-tax, Bombay versus Polson was concluded today before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council.

The appeal was from the judgment of the High Court at Bombay in the case in which P. E. Polson had appealed against assessments to income-tax and super tax for the fiscal year 1939-40 in respect of profits made by the Polson manufacturing company during that year up to January 1, 1939 on which date Polson ceased nearly on business and it was taken over by Polson Limited.

The question for determination was whether the word "discontinued" in Section 25(3) of the Indian Income Tax Act 1922 as amended by the Act of 1939 meant only complete cessation of business or whether also covered discontinuance of business transferred or consigned to another person

The judgment of the High Court at Bombay which had decided in Polson's favour was right and should be upheld because the fact that the business was taken over from him by a successor did not affect the fact that he had discontinued contended Roland Burrows who appeared for the respondent Polson.

The business was discontinued within the meaning of section 25 (3) of the 1922 Act as amended by that of 1939 and he thereby became entitled to the benefit of the section. Further, if the business was discontinued within the meaning of that section. He was relieved from liability to tax in respect of his income for the previous year, he further urged.

L. M. Jopling (not as stated yesterday Reginald Hills) who appeared with Burrows K. C. on behalf of the respondent also addressed the Court whose judgment will be delivered later.

INFORMATION BUREAUS TO BE SET UP IN BURMA

ADV HQ ALFSEA April 11, (A.P.I.) Steps are now being taken to set up information bureaus in Burma, says a Press note. These bureaus will record necessary details of relative in India and other countries with whom people in Burma wish to get in touch. These details will be forwarded to the Headquarters of the Department at ADV. Headquarters ALFSEA, where they will be card-indexed. From there communications will be sent to the relatives concerned either direct, or through the Red Cross, or through the Evacuee Welfare and Rehabilitation Department of the Government of Burma.

Enquiries from relatives in India should be sent direct to the Headquarters of the Relief and Labour Department (C A S (B)) Advanced Hq., ALFSEA, SEAC.

All enquiries should give in block capitals the name and address of the enquirer and of the person about whom information is required. It would facilitate matters if the last known employment and address of the person in Burma were also given.

CHURCHILL TO MAKE STATEMENT ON POLAND NEXT WEEK

LONDON, April 11 (Reuter): Mr. Churchill, the Prime Minister, intends to make a statement about Poland next week.

Answering a number of questions about Poland in the Commons today, Mr. Eden asked members to await a statement from Mr. Churchill on the work of the Commission of Three in Moscow and certain other aspects of Russo-Polish relations which will be made probably on Thursday week. A debate would follow, if desired.

FOLLOW EXAMPLE OF REVOLUTIONARY MARTYRS

Chinese Generalissimo's Message On Youth Day

At this moment when the war has entered its decisive phase, the entire nation is pinning high hopes in the youths who are serving in the Educated Youth Army, the Expeditionary Force and other armies fighting on various fronts, declared Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek in a message to the enlisted educated youth on the occasion of the Youth Day which was observed throughout Free China on March 29.

A part of our educated youths, the Generalissimo proudly pointed out, achieved brilliant military successes on the Yunnan and Burma fronts, while "another part of them are still under rigid training and will show their mettle after they have completed their training."

Emphasizing that the life of a nation hinges on the youth whom he considers as his own children and brothers, the Generalissimo gave the following words of advice to the enlisted young men.

In the first place, he said, the educated youths now serving in the army should follow the example set up by the revolutionary martyrs and take up the responsibilities that fall upon their shoulders. The spirit of sacrifice should be the guidance for our youths. The Nationalist revolution is aimed to save China from extinction and to build an independent, free and modern nation. In the course of the revolution many obstacles have one after another been overcome and the last obstacle will be removed when the present war is won. When victory comes, the Three People's Principles will be fully realized.

Secondly, our educated youths should give up their personal freedom for the realization of the aims of the revolution. In the words of Dr. Sun Yat-Sen, a revolutionary soldier must develop the revolutionary spirit which he holds dear. Upon the development of such a spirit hinges the success of the revolution. When the revolution is consummated, China will attain an equal footing in the family of nations and survive as a nation in the struggling world. This is the aim of the revolution as well as the source of confidence that has spurred us on to the war of resistance. Dr. Sun has rightly said that the equality and freedom the revolution attempts to seek is not personal equality and freedom but the equality and freedom that our nation has been seeking for.

Thirdly, our educated youths must seek higher knowledge and give constant expression to the revolutionary spirit. To know how to handle the weapons is only preliminary in military knowledge which knows no bounds. To be a revolutionary soldier you must possess wide knowledge, military and otherwise and, besides, you must acquire a strong revolutionary spirit.

Finally, our educated youths should fully realize the motive that has prompted them to join the army and hold firm their revolutionary belief. Those who have volunteered for army service must have discarded selfishness, and that is the point from which his task of national salvation should start. It is earnestly hoped that everyone of the enlisted youths will make up his mind to fulfill his task even at the sacrifice of his life.

The Generalissimo summed up his message by reiterating the bequeathed teachings of Dr. Sun, saying that self-respect, self-reliance, perseverance and obedience are the best attributes which will enable the youth to successfully carry out the tasks thrust upon them.—(China Information Bulletin).

NEW WORLD LABOUR ORGANIZATION

Members Of Administrative Committee Meet At Washington

WASHINGTON, April 10.—Thirteen members of the administrative committee of the World Trade Union Conference are meeting here today at the headquarters of the Congress of Industrial Organizations to discuss the constitution for a new world labour organization. The first deliberations of the committee will be concerned with the skeleton draft prepared unofficially in Paris by a technical staff shortly after the London conference in February.

Representatives of unions in the United States, the United Kingdom, France, Russia, Latin America and China will attend the meeting, as will representatives of the International Federation of Trade Unions and international trade union secretaries.

CIO secretary-treasurer James B. Carey pointed out that the administrative committee is an interim body vested by the London conference with full authority to speak in the name of world labour as represented at London. He said the major purpose of the present meeting, in addition to formulating the basis for a new world federation will be to plan for presentation of world labour's views at the United Nations Conference in San Francisco.

Carey said trade union leaders among the various United Nations are seeking representation at San Francisco in a consultative and advisory capacity on the ground that the issues of war and peace before the world touch deeply on labour's responsibility in community, national and international affairs.

CIO president Philip Murray will preside over the Washington meeting as chairman and as the U. S delegate for the CIO.—USOWI.

"Vote For Congress Candidates"

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Mr. S. K. Patil has issued the following appeal:

A Municipal by-election in Mazgaon and Tarwadi (Ward No. 11) constituency has been caused by the resignation of Mr. S. G. Joshi and the Congress has decided to contest it by nominating Mr. S. G. Songaonkar as the official Congress Candidate. Mr. Songaonkar hardly needs any introduction since he is well-known by his services to the national cause. Since the by-election will be contested, I have to appeal, in the name of the Congress, to the voters of this constituency to go to the polling booth in large numbers and vote for the Congress candidate. The Congress expects every voter to do his duty.

UNKNOWN ASSAILANT STABS PASSER-BY

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Three stab wounds inflicted on Anwar Hussein under-cover of darkness, resulted in his instantaneous death on Tuesday night at Kamatipura Bombay. The unknown assailant has not yet been traced.

Cloth Merchant Fined Rs. 500

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Hajeebhoy Alideena, Proprietor of Messrs. Hajeebhoy Alideena & Co., cloth merchants, situated at Rebello Road, who was charged with being in possession of 17 untex marked bales of cotton yarn, which should have been opened by 31st August 1943 and desposed off before 31st December 1943, was sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 500 or in default to undergo 2 months simple imprisonment by Mr. G. A. Sabnis, Presidency Magistrate, Mazagoan Court today.

Convicted For Possession Of Prejudicial Literature

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Mr. D. G. Kulkarni who was charged with being in possession of prejudicial literature was tried before Mr. F. D. Kanga, Presidency Magistrate Mazagoan Court who finding him guilty sentenced him to undergo three months' rigorous imprisonment.

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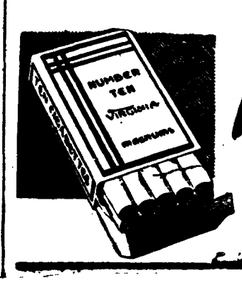

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TATA STEEL SHARES IMPROVE

General Support In Bullion Market

COTTON RECOVERS AFTER EARLY COLLAPSE ON SHORT COVERING

BOMBAY, April 12.

The Bombay Stock Exchange ruled very steady under moderate buying in steel shares. The market was influenced by sharp increase in the total note issue and firmness of bullion market. Textile shares were quietly steady as buyers were cautious. As a result of day's trading Tata Steel Dfds. advanced Rs. 26/- and Ordinary shares gained Rs. 7/-. Bombay Dyeings improved Rs. 6/- and Kohinoor advanced Rs. 3/-.

Bullion market was firm on general buying based on inflation theory and quotations moved up.

The third All-India cotton forecast for the season 1944-45 issued to-day shows a decrease of 27 per cent. in acreage and 32 per cent. in the outturn of Indian cotton as compared with the corresponding figures for the last year. The estimated area of cotton is 14,218,000 acres and the estimated yield is 3,361,000 bales.

This goes to prove that the production is below the year's consumption of raw cotton by mills in this country, and at the end of the season, the carry-over will be reduced. The end of the European war is near, and several continental countries are eager to secure supplies of raw cotton and Indian cotton which is selling to-day at 6 1/2 cents below American cotton will be more attractive. Thus the outlook for Indian cotton is constructive, but professional operators in the forward market have no inclination to face realities. They are more concerned with personal gains and have fully exploited the situation provided by our most defective trading system. Recently, they were free sellers and forced down cotton prices below last year's quotations and earned fortunes at the cost of Indian cotton growers and the textile industry.

SHARE BAZAR

BOMBAY, April 12.

The local Share Bazar was fairly steady with improved buying as peace prospects seem to have been discounted and the sharp increase of Rs. 14 crores in the paper currency is expected to keep money market easy. There is more truth in the argument and buyers are operating cautiously on the constructive side and watching war developments. Long range opinion under present circumstances have no place but jobbers are taking increased interest for quick turns. Tata Steel Dfds, opened at Rs. 1997 and advanced to Rs. 2015 Ordinary Shares opened at Rs. 375 and looked up to Rs. 380. Bombay Dyeing Shares opened at Rs. 1760 and hardened to Rs. 1770. Kohinoor Shares opened of Rs. 591 and steadied at Rs. 595 and tone was steady.

Closing quotations of some active shares were as under:—

Tata Steel Dfds 2028/12, Tata Steel Ord 383/8 Bombay Dyeing 1771/4, Central India 379, Century 925, Kohinoor 597, Gokak 295, Simplex 252 Swadeshi 838 Scindia 32/4, Associated Cement 231/8, 3-1/2 per cent. Paper 99/15.

Record Of Actual Transactions In Shares

BOMBAY, April 12.

MILLS.

Ahmedabad Advance 405
Apollo 3/11/6 3/12
B. Dyeing 1760 57/8 65 60 63/12 60 71/4 66/4 77/8 71/4
Central India 375 76 75/8 78 77 79/8 79
Century 915 25
Colaba 208 7 9
Edward Textile 570 65 70
Elphinstone (Ord) 83 85/8
Elphinstone (Pref) 122/8
Kinsay 293 97 96 98 97
Gokak 292/8 91 93 92 95
India United (Defd) 2/14/9 2/14/6 2/14/9
India United (Ord) 14 14/0/6 13/15/6 14/3 14/2/6
Indore 692/8 713/12
Kohinoor 591 92 91 95 94 98 97
Meyer 178/2 81/4
Minerva 239 38/12
Model 225/10
Morarjee 695 90 700
New Great 364 66 65 66
Phoenix 637/8
Podar 320
Shrinivas 340
Simplex 247 48 47/8 51 49/8 52
Swadeshi 531 37 35 39 38
Swan 322 25 23/8 24
Tata Mills 56 56/4 56 58

BANKS.

Baroda 134 33/12
Central 76/4 77/12 77/4
Imperial (Old) 1970
Imperial (New) 487/8
India 183/8
National Savings (P. P.) 37/8
Reserve 134
Union 8/8 (Ex. Div)

ELECTRIC.

Ahmedabad 222/8 20
Ajmer 15
Andhra Valley 1757/8 52/8 55
Tram (Ord) 146/8
Tram (Pref) 66/8
Hydro 201
Power (Ord) 1847/8 42/8

INSURANCE

Empire 1090
Indian Mercantile 70/4
Jupiter 26 26/4
New India 77 77/4
Scindia 31/13 31/11 32/4
Jam Wire 142
Tata Steel (Defd) 1992/8 2003/12 1996/4 2020 12/8 17/8 8/12 31/4 28/12
Tata Steel (Ord) 375 76 75/8 76/8 78 80/8 79 80 79/8 84/8 83/8
Tata Steel (2nd Pref) 159/8 59 59/4

MISCELLANEOUS.

Alcock Ashdown 405 3/12 5/12
A Cement 228 27/8 31/8
Belapur 212 11/8 13 12/8
Burmah (Old) 511/4
B. P. Petrol 4/13/3 4/13/9 4/13
Indian Bleaching 165
P. Construction (Ord) 199 200
P. Construction (1st Pref) 137/8
Shivrajpur 47 46/8 47/8
Tata Chemical 20 20/2 20
Tata Oil 65 64/8 65/8 65/4
Walchandnagar Industries 520
Western India Match 316/4 17/8
Dawn Mill 1150
Surat Elect. Pref 192/8

GOLD & SILVER

Active Buying On Inflation Ideas

BOMBAY, April 12.

The further increase of 14 crores in the total note issue as per the latest statement of the Reserve Bank of India added fuel to the fire. The market was very firm and this additional bullish factor strengthened hands of holders and the local bullion market again firmed up. At the moment there seems no indication for a major drop beyond technical adjustment of a temporary duration.

The Reserve Bank of India sold today 300 bars Silver at Rs. 131/6 and 24,000 tolas Gold at Rs. 74/12. These purchases showed handsome profits to the buyers and the sales were readily absorbed.

Forward Gold opened at Rs. 74/4 and advanced to Rs. 74/10. Ready Gold was quoted at Rs. 75/2 and Sovereigns were quoted as Rs. 51/6.

Trading in forward Silver commenced at Rs. 130/4 and under growing buying advanced to Rs. 131/12. Ready Silver was quoted at Rs. 132/14. Tone was firm and all realising sales were easily taken up without any marked effect on quotations.

Later on the market was quiet with scattered realising and quotations were as under:

Silver Ready	132	10	0
Silver Settlement	131	10	0
Gold Ready	74	4	0
Gold Settlement	74	1	0

BOMBAY COTTON

Prices Again Drop On Persistent Selling

BOMBAY, April 12.

The local cotton market was again depressed on persistent selling with the result that confidence is impaired and Indian cotton is now selling 6-1/2 cents per lb. under American cotton. From this disparity it can be easily said that there is utter absence of buyers.

The local cotton market is mainly designed for speculative enterprise and bonafide investors have no room in the forward cotton market which is dominated by professional operators and their activities often do more harm to the cotton growers and the textile industry.

There is no buyer for May cotton although July is quoted at a premium of Rs. 17 which not only covers usual cost of taking delivery but leaves some return to investor. But no investor can ever think of touching cotton because its surveys are unreliable. As long as this design of survey remains, cotton will have no future during the marketing period of the crop.

The market opened to-day at Rs. 410/8 and declined to Rs. 406/8 on nervous unloading and short selling by professional operators. Later on there was scattered covering and May rallied to Rs. 408/8.

There was further selling and May declined to Rs. 405/8. After a drop of over Rs. 50 per candy the market is entitled to a natural reaction and the improvement will again give a comfortable position to Bears to start bearish game as contract cotton is very inferior.

The official forecast of 32 decrease in the cotton production, influenced heavy short covering and May advanced to Rs. 416. At this level there was renewed selling and May reacted to Rs. 412. The market is erratic and is manipulated by speculators otherwise cotton at present price is cheap. The market closed at 6 p. m. as under:

I C C May	414	0	0
I C C July	431	8	0
I C C September	442	0	0

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES.

BOMBAY, April 11.

I.C.C. May Highest 421-1/2, Lowest 411, Closing at 6 p.m. 411-3/4.

I.C.C. July Highest 438, Lowest 428, Closing at 6 p.m. 429.

I.C.C. Sept. Highest 447-1/2, Lowest 438, Closing at 6 p.m. 439.

Karachi 4F May Highest 43/12/6, Lowest 42/1/0, Closing at 6 p.m. 42/14/0.

COTTON PARITY.

Indian Cotton May Contract is 651 cent points below New York May at Exchange rate 331.

Bombay Produce

BOMBAY, April 12.

The produce market was quietly steady with a limited turnover and quotations were mostly unchanged. Groundnuts Khandesh quality were quoted at Rs. 14/4 and Bombay Bold were placed at Rs. 13/12. Goa delivery nominal quotation was Rs. 14. Castorseeds Bombay ready receipt were quoted at Rs. 15/7 and Goa delivery stood at Rs. 15/8. Linseed C. P. and U. P. was quoted at Rs. 15/15. Nizam territory Linseed was done at Rs. 15/13 to Rs. 15/14. Satna small Linseed was quoted at Rs. 15/8.

Hapur Quotations

HAPUR, April 12.

Wheat 10/4 Arrivals 100 mds Stock 17 Khatlis Gram 7/10 Barley 6/6/6 Stock 1 Peas Old 5/7 New 6/2/6 Stock 130 Khatlis Maize 6 Bajra 7/2 Juwar 8 Rapeseed 11/8 Urad New 14 Moong 11/4 Arhar Old 6/12 New 7/3 Stock 113 Khatlis Gur 9/4 Cottonseed Desi 10/4 Chilki 9/4 Silver Opening Forward 131/3 Ready 132/3 Last Night Closing 131/5 Gold Forward 73/12 Spot 74/2 Last Night Closing 74/4 Guwar Baisakh 6/4/5 Bardana Chet 55/8 Asuj 65/12 markets opened slightly lower food grain market easy.

Calicut Quotations

CALICUT, April 12.

Cocoanuts Raw 78 Dry 75 Cocoanut oil 317/8 Copra Office 190 Dilpasand 205 Madrasnottam 210 Goodgooda 216 Pepper Wynaad 375 Country 370 Dry-ginger Chernad 245 Ernad 230 Coffee Robusta 84.

BHUJ, April 12.

To-day Hundi Koria 356, Silver Rs. 108/12, Gold Rs. 73/2.

Chicago Grains Market

CHICAGO, April 11. (U.P.A.)—Grain prices on the Chicago Commodity Exchange today were steady to strong after and early bearish tendency due to a favourable Government crop report.

May wheat and September and December rye hit new season highs with advances slightly pared before the close of trading due to profit taking.

Selling, brought on by prospects of a record winter wheat crop with an increase of over 100,000 bushels over last year, spent itself midway in the session.

Prospective Cotton Situation

WASHINGTON April 11, (U.P.A.)—The International Cotton Advisory Committee today issued a survey of the world cotton situation which said that the level of international trade had fallen during the years of the current war from approximately 13 million bales to between three and one half and four million bales for the current season of 1944-45.

The report, entitled a general survey of the world outlook for cotton, said that there may be a considerable expansion in cotton movements to Europe when the war there ends but warned that a resumption of the very large shipments which formerly went to the Orient was unlikely.

Japanese mills, which before Pearl Harbour took very large quantities of American and other cotton, may be considered out of the market for an indefinite time. Shanghai also may remain cut off for many months.

The report said it seemed probable that total actual exports during 1945-46 marketing year will not approach prewar levels and the amount of cotton available for export will exceed immediate requirements.

"Members of this committee are agreed that an effort should be made to solve the problem of surplus stocks and surplus production, by means of international collaboration. The committee is continuing its deliberations with this purpose in mind."

New York Cloth Market

NEW YORK, April 11, (U. P. A.): Trading in cotton piece goods on Worth Street was dull to-day.

With mills generally sold thirty to sixty days ahead, new business was avoided because of the Office of Price Administration rollback of one cent per pound on print cloth constructions and the possibility of appeals against the ruling.

Traders believed the lull would continue for sometime until cost and production schedules can be scrutinized closely.

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, April 12.

LONDON: Banks buying 90 days/st. 1/6 7/32 1 and 2 months, 1/6 1/4 3 to 6 months.

B. C. Rates: T T 1/5 15/16 D D 1/5 15/16.

Banks selling T T 1/5 31/32 D D 1/5 31/32.

Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32 D D 1/6 3/32.

LDN/NEW YORK:

Banks selling T T Rs. 332 3/4 D D Rs 332 3/4.

Banks buying T T Rs. 329 1/2 D D Rs. 327 1/2.

LDN/MONTREAL:

Banks selling T T Rs. 302 1/2 D D Rs. 302 1/2

Banks buying T T Rs. 297 3/4 D D Rs. 295 3/4

Tone of Sterling Exchange, Quiet.

Reserve Bank Rate 3 p.c. Bank of England Rate 2 p.c.

Money:—Call, one and two months 1/4 p.c. 3 to 6 months 1/2 p.c. 6 to 11 months 3/4 p.c. 12 months 1 1/4 p.c.

Tone:—Easy.

REACTIONARY REALISING ON N. Y. COTTON EXCHANGE

23 Cents Per Pound Goal

NEW YORK, April 11 (U.P.A.)

The New York Cotton Exchange today experienced the first major reaction for more than a week with operators lightening holdings on technical grounds together with highly favourable war news.

23 CENT GOAL.

However, the underlying sentiment continued decidedly friendly with bullish elements holding to the 23 cents per pound goal and apparently, ignoring the favourable war news.

To-day's setbacks were generally considered to be purely technical following the recent extended rise.

Estimates that producing countries this year would have an exportable surplus of 20,000,000 bales which is double the prospective demand, together with less aggressive buying towards the end of the session, made prices sensitive to recurring flurries of liquidations.

Trade buying continues against a large backlog of Government textile contracts.

The speculative interest in new crop deliveries is broadening and traders noted that the Commodity Credit Corporation's selling price is still one dollar and a quarter above the spot price.

May delivery is almost five dollars per bale above the deferred new crop deliveries.

July opened at 22.23 and declined to 22.16 during the second hour. Thereafter July rose to Rs. 22.25 and closed at 22.21. The session closed at a net loss of 3 to 9 points. Spot cotton price declined 2 points at 22.71 c. per lb.

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York, April 11

May	22.35—04
July	22.21—03
October	21.79—09
December	21.73—08
January	21.68—06
March	21.73—
July highest (1-7 p.m.)	22.25+01
July lowest (11-8 a.m.)	22.16—08
Middling Spot	22.71—02

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

New York, April 11.

May	22.30—05
July	22.19—05
Middling Spot	21.80—05

NEW YORK COTTON NOON CALL.

New York, April 11.

May	22.34
July	22.19

Wall Street Market

NEW YORK, April 11, (U. P. A.): Prices continued to rise and gained fractions to over two points with increased trading and volume on the New York Stock Exchange to-day.

For the first time since March 27, more than a million shares changed hands.

Rails and motors led the advance, the latter being extremely active with General Motors gaining over a point.

Oil stocks were strong and steel issues were in demand with U. S. Steel closing more than a point above the previous day.

Industrial Development

LONDON April 11, (U. P. A.): Nations, backward in their industrial development, must be enabled to achieve a standard "comparable with the best" in order to raise general world prosperity Sir George Nelson, retiring president of the British Federation of Industries, said to-day in addressing the federation's annual meeting.

He added that the raising of world prosperity was dependent on a greater capital investment in improving and making available in a great measure, technical and industrial experience with the establishment of new activities in many countries which hitherto have not developed their economy.

Nelson said he believed the general tendency will be for countries to supply their own needs in distributive goods but that out of this will arise a demand for capital goods or high grade destributive goods from England, the total volume of which can, with proper policy, be made to exceed any loss in the field of destributive goods.

Provision For Widow Of V. C. Winner

In recognition of the bravery of the late Naik Yeshwant Balaji Ghadge, of the 5th Mahratta Light Infantry, in winning the Victoria Cross, the Government of Bombay has assigned to his widow land revenue of the value of Rs. 500 a year and has given her a lump sum of Rs. 10,000.

The land revenue assignment is from the late Naik's village of Palasgaon in the Kolaba District. It will be paid to the widow, Laxmibai, for her life and to her adopted son till the completion of 30 years, from the date of the first payment, if she dies in the meantime.

The sum of Rs. 10,000 is being paid to the Commissioner of the Central Division in his capacity as Chairman of the Bombay Provincial Sailors', Soldiers' and Airmen's Board, to be held in trust for the widow's benefit.

Pension Increase To Primary School Teachers

The Government of Bombay has directed that the relief, in the form of temporary increase in pension, given to small-scale Government pensioners from time to time on account of the increased cost of living due to the war should be extended to primary school teachers who were transferred from Government service to the service of local authorities on the transfer of the control of primary education under the Bombay Primary Education Act, 1923, and who are qualified for pension from Provincial Revenues as a result of the payment to the Government by the local authorities of pension contribution on their behalf. Such teachers will include those who exercised the option allowed to them under the Bombay Primary Education Rules, 1924, of joining the contributory provident funds established by the local authorities for their school board employees.

The pension increase will take effect from April 1: that is, it will be added to the pension payable in May.

"Not Only A Popular Mayor, But People's Mayor"

City Fathers' Tribute To Nagindas Master

Glowing tributes were paid to Mr. Nagindas T. Master, ex-Mayor by the Municipal Corporation on Thursday for the very valuable services he rendered to the city as Mayor and placing on record the high sense of appreciation, ability and courtesy with which he discharged his duties as Mayor during his regime.

The resolution was moved by Mr. S. K. Patil, who paid a tribute to the glorious and triumphant career of Mr. Nagindas Master and characterised Mr. Master as not only a popular Mayor but 'People's Mayor.' There was not a single Mayor, said Mr. Patil, who had contacted the poor as had been done by Mr. Nagindas Master. Soon after the explosion, he was released from the Yeravda Jail, but Mr. Master instead of going home straight from Victoria Terminus, went to the affected area to see the people in distress and render them all the assistance that he could. He raised a Relief Fund which mounted up to Rs. 16 lakhs in a short space of time and succeeded in constructing 1,000 tenements for those who had lost their homes. Although over 70 years, Mr. Master was active and energetic, and almost every day during his Mayorality filled ten to fifteen public engagements. Mr. Patil expressed the hope that other Mayors would follow his example.

Mr. B. N. Karanjia seconded the resolution and wished Mr. Master long life to carry on the useful work of slum clearance that he had undertaken.

Mr. Jamnadas Dwarkadas, Mr. Motichand G. Kapadia, Dr. J. A. Collaco, Mr. Zoolmiram Chowdhari, Dr. G. R. A. Shaikh, Mr. A. P. Sabavala, Mr. M. V. Donde and Mr. K. H. Goregaokar further supported the resolution.

Mr. M. O. E. Patel from the Muslim Party, voiced his party's sentiment that Mr. Master had proved an impartial and vigorous Mayor, and that his rulings were always balanced and impartial.

The Municipal Commissioner and Dr. Alban DeSouza, the Mayor also associated themselves with the previous speakers.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

MASTER'S REPLY

Mr. Nagmdas T. Master then replying said:

"Though I have laid down the reins of office to-day, I have resolved that I shall continue steadfastly my work in the service of the city and in redressing citizens' grievances. The Ward Committees for removing their complaints which I have in view have not yet been formally formed for want of time and will be tried to be formed by me under the lead of our new Mayor and will implement the work which the Congress Party has been doing in that direction. While it is not possible to solve such huge problems as slum clearance and the like all at once, amenities could be given by attending to and remedying the immediate difficulties. The bad roads can be levelled temporarily in a small way, drains need not be allowed to get choked up, refuse removed regularly and cleanliness maintained, water complaints promptly attended to, all these and small matters can be and ought to be attended to. I am glad to say that I can count upon the co-operation of our Commissioner, our Health Officer, our City Engineer and our Hydraulic Engineer.

I must gratefully acknowledge the co-operation and help I have received from Mr. Bhat, our late Commissioner, Mr. Mirchandani, our present Commissioner, Mr. Modak, Dr. Das Gupta, Mr. Nadirshah, Mr. Mody, Mr. D'Souza, Mr. Mullaferoze and Mr. Kulkarni. Mr. Mody is the repository of a Mayor's conscience and no Mayor can do without him."

At an earlier stage, the Corporation was adjourned for fifteen minutes as a mark of respect to the death of Mr. Narayanrao G. Joshi, Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

MUNICIPAL COUNCILLOR HONOURED

Mr. Panalal Maneklal Chinai, a city Congressman, Municipal Councillor, and a leading silk merchant, has been elected President of the Silk Merchants' Association for the ensuing year.

Was Detention Order On Subhas Bose's Nephew A Forgery?

Startling Controversy Before Lahore Court: Judge Adjourns Hearing

LAHORE, April 11 (A.P.I.): The 'Habeas Corpus' petitions questioning the legality of the detention of Dwenjendra Nath Bose and Aurobindo Bose, nephews of Subhas Chandra Bose, came up for hearing today before Mr. Justice Din Mohd. of the Lahore High Court.

The Advocate General raised a preliminary objection that the present petitions were in the nature of a review of the judgment of Mr. Justice Ram Lall dismissing the previous petitions and that the Court was not competent to review the order.

Counsel for the petitioners submitted that it was not a review. Various fresh facts had been brought in the case of Dwinjendra Nath Bose.

On a question by the Court the Advocate General said that the original order about Dwinjendra Nath Bose's detention under Rule 26 of the Defence of India Rules was passed by the Central Government on 28th March 1942. The restriction and detention ordinance was promulgated on the 15th January 1944 under which the Detention Order was renewed on the 8th July 1944 or six months after and then in December 1944.

Arguing Dwinjendra Nath's case, Barkat Ali submitted that the Order of the Central Government dated the 28th March 1942 was never passed and never existed, that the Government had been renewing this order after the passage of the restrictions and detention Ordinance 1944 and he argued that these renewals were illegal and contrary to the Ordinance.

Under the Ordinance the detenu was entitled to seek the advice of his Legal Adviser and make a representation after the grounds of detention had been disclosed to him by the detaining authorities.

On receipt of intimation regarding the grounds Dwinjendra Nath prepared a draft and sent a letter to his father who is a member of the Calcutta Bar, but it was withheld by the Government.

Malik Barkat Ali pointed out that the original order of Aurobindo Bose which was produced in court by the Advocate General and the renewal order of Dwinjendra Nath Bose bore similar number.

The Advocate General said Malik Barkat Ali might be asked to make a statement about this.

His Lordship remarked that supposing the Order dated 28th March 1942 had no existence then he might be asked to determine whether this Order of detention was a forgery or not and therefore His Lordship said he wanted to have the full facts and know the position of the Government.

The Advocate General asked for time to receive instructions from the Government and then to make a statement on question of fact.

His Lordship adjourned the hearing till May 15.

Decrease Of 32 Per Cent In Cotton Crop

THIRD OFFICIAL FORECAST

The Department of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Calcutta), has issued the following third cotton crop forecast:—

This forecast relates generally to conditions up to the beginning of December.

On the average of the last ten years the area reported in the Third Forecast has been 94.9 per cent of the area reported in the Final (April) Forecast.

This forecast includes also the first estimate of the ousturn of the season's crop.

	Estimated area of cotton—in acres	
Season 1944-45	14,218,000	
Percentage increase (+) or decrease (—) of above figures on corresponding date last year's figure revised)	—27	
	Estimated yield of cotton—in bales of 400 lbs. net.	
Season 1944-45	3,361,000	
Percentage increase (+) or decrease (—) of above figures on corresponding date last year's figure (revised)	—32	

The table below shows the present estimates of area and yield classified according to the recognised trade descriptions of cotton:—

Trade descriptions.	Area (in acres).	Yield in bales of 400 lb. net).
Bengals	1,602,000	581,000
Dholleras	7,21,000	133,000
Oomras	3,516,000	850,000
Broach	523,000	126,000
Surti	3,29,000	76,000
Dholleras	7,21,000	133,000
Others	4,230,000	731,000
Total	14,218,000	3,361,000

BENGALS include U. P. "deshi", Punjab "deshi", Sind "deshi" and Rajputana "deshi".

AMERICANS include the exotic cottons grown in Sind and the Punjab and "Buri" cotton grown in the Burhanpur Tahsil of the Nimar district of the Central Provinces.

OOMRAS include Central Provinces, Berar, Nimar, Khandesh, Barsi-Nagar and Hyderabad Oomras; C.P. and Berar Verum and Khandesh Banilla.

BROACH include Kaira district, Broach and Panch Mahals district (excluding Ankleshwar taluka) certain States in the Gujerat States Agency and Baroda district of Baroda State.

SURTI includes Ankleshwar taluka of Broach and Panch Mahals district, Surat district, Navapur taluka of West Khandesh district, Rajpipla, Sachin, Bansda and Dharampur States and Navsari district of Baroda State.

DHOLLERAS include Ahmedabad district, Mehsana and Amreli districts of Baroda State, Cutch State and States in Western India States Agency.

OTHERS include Hyderabad Gaorani, Central India, Kumpta and Upland, Bijapur and Bagalkot POWARI, Westerns, White and Red Northerns Warangal and Cocanadas, Chinnapathi, Tinnevellies (including Karungannies), Cumbodies, Salems and Comillas.

LIFE SENTENCE FOR TWO ACCUSED

(Before the Hon. Mr. Justice Sen and a Special Jury)

Emperor
Versus

1. Gafoor Zordad
2. Mirdad Zordad ..... Accused.

The accused were charged with having murdered one Abdul Hakim by stabbing him in the morning of 2nd October, 1944. The stabbing was the result of the deceased's brother Walidad having refused to lend Rs. 100 to the accused when they went up to him and asked him for it. A quarrel ensued in the course of which Walidad ran away and the accused stabbed his brother who succumbed to the injuries.

The Jury having found the accused guilty of murder, his Lordship sentenced both the accused to transportation for life.

Mr. M. J. Sethna with the Advocate-General instructed by the Public Prosecutor, appeared for the prosecution.

Mr. A. C. Amin defended Gafoor.

Dr. P. N. Daruwalla defended Mirdad.

Pupala Thanks

A meeting of the Tramway Telephone Committee of the Bombay Municipal Corporation was held to-day.

Mr. Akhtar Hussein proposed a vote of thanks to the Chair and Mr. Salebhoy Abdul Kader seconded.

Mr. N. C. Pupala, the retiring Chairman thanked the members in adequate terms.

SURPLUS MILK PRICE

The Government of Bombay has decided to prohibit the sale of milk within a radius of 50 yards from the two Surplus Milk Markets in Bombay City at a price in excess of Rs. 28 per Bengal Maund from April 15, 1945. The Order has been published in the Bombay Government Gazette Extraordinary of April 12, 1945, says a Press Note issued by the Supply Commissioner, Bombay.

Three new morning and evening centres are being opened at the following addresses:—(1) Mohomedi Baug Sarang Street. (2) Bhuleshwar Central Girls' School, Bhuleshwar Road and (3) Kesri Husani, Dharamsi Street. The evening centres will be opened on April 13 and the morning centres on April 14.

PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK CELEBRATES GOLDEN JUBILEE

Proud Record Of Half-A-Century

To-day (Friday), the Punjab National Bank completes 50 years of service to the country. It is the oldest of the Indian-managed Banks and hence the first amongst them to celebrate the Golden Jubilee. Founded at Lahore in 1895 by prominent personalities, amongst whom were late Lala Lajpatrai, late Justice Lal Chand, and late Sardar Dyal Singh Majithia, the Bank has marched from strength to strength until to-day, it is one of the "Indian Big Five", and is a National asset of prime importance to India. "Safety First" has been throughout the motto of those experienced and astute Directors, who have been guiding and controlling the destinies of this National Institution. Progressive ideals have, however, never been subjected to conservatism. The Bank's watchward seems to be "Progress with caution." Its progress has been well-planned and steady.

It has made great strides during the last few years and in particular, since Mr. Yodh Raj took the reins in his hands, first as General Manager and later as Chairman and General Manager both. As against only 70 branches in 1941 the Bank has to-day as many as 171 spread all over the country. It has now a working capital of over Rs. 45 crores as against Rs. 11 crores at the close of 1941. It is probably the first Indian Joint Stock Bank to introduce the Economic Adviser's Department to critically study economic trends in the country and abroad in general, and in the light of Indian Banking in particular, and to devise ways and means to suit the times.

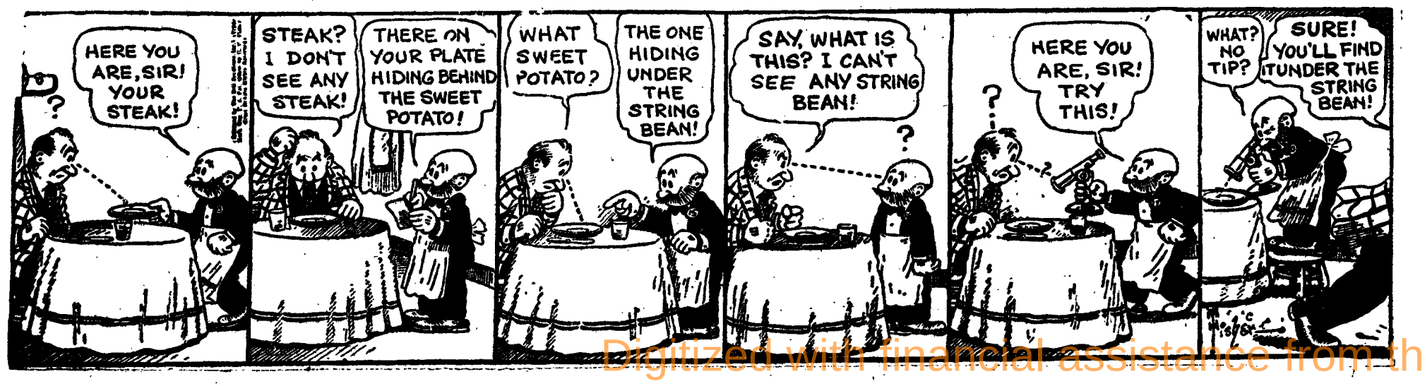
To-day, the Punjab National has turned a new leaf in the history of Indian Banking. It can safely be said to have pioneered the cause of Indian Banking, by its longest service to the nation.

MORAL OBLIGATIONS TO CHINA CAN GUARANTEE ASIATIC PEACE, SAYS "FORTUNE"

The Fortune magazine which has a large circulation among industrial and financial policy-making circles sees little hope for a permanent Asiatic peace unless the United States honours her moral obligations to China. Discussing Manchuria it said that China needs and wants the Japanese-held north-eastern provinces whose return has been guaranteed in the Cairo Declaration. It points out that Russia was not in the party at Cairo and said nothing about Soviet intentions with regard to Manchuria. Fortune said that the Manchuria problem must be settled at the San Francisco Conference since Manchuria's future may affect the Russo-Japanese Neutrality Pact.

It said, "So long as the north-eastern provinces remain under Chinese control China can feel secure But Russia mistrusts other nations and feels the need of controlling her neighbours." It said that Soviet control of Manchuria would also mean the control of Korea. It said: "It is unnecessary for Russia to participate in the Pacific war if participation means that Russia will get Manchuria."—(China Information Bulletin).

MUTT AND JEFF—Remember that old Kid's game, button, bu tton who's got the String Bean? By BUD FISHER


HERE YOU ARE, SIR! YOUR STEAK!
STEAK? I DON'T SEE ANY STEAK!
THERE ON YOUR PLATE HIDING BEHIND THE SWEET POTATO!
WHAT SWEET POTATO?
THE ONE HIDING UNDER THE STRING BEAN!
SAY, WHAT IS THIS? I CAN'T SEE ANY STRING BEAN!
HERE YOU ARE, SIR! TRY THIS!
WHAT? NO TIP?
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PUBLIC NOTICES

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LOCO. & CARR. SUPDT.
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NOTICE TO ALL OWNERS OF PETROL DRIVEN MOTOR VEHICLES AND MOTOR BOATS, RESIDING IN THE BOMBAY REGION.

APPLICATIONS for the basic ration for the quarter, commencing from 1st May, 1945, are to be made in H forms, obtainable free from the following distributing centres.

1. For owners of motor cars, motor cycles and motor boats, in the Shamiana, erected in the Motor Vehicle Department Office, Gymnasium Road, Off Cruickshank Road, Bombay, from 16th to 30th April 1945 (excluding Sundays and on 20-4-1945), between 10-30 a. m. and 2-30 p. m. on week days and between 10-30 a. m. and 1 p. m. on Saturdays.

2. For Municipalities, Ambulances, School Buses, Trade Numbers, Government Vehicles, Transport Vehicles, Taxis and Stage Carriages, applications are to be submitted in the office of the Area Rationing Authority, Head Police Office, Bombay, from 16th to 30th April 1945 between 10-30 a. m. and 2 p. m. on week days and between 10-30 a. m. and 12 noon on Saturdays.

Owners of Transport Vehicles and Taxis are informed that they should produce either 'A', 'B' or Temporary Permit and the registration certificate together with applications in H forms duly filled in.

As usual, members of the Western India Automobile Association, should apply to that Association.

Applications for supplementary ration may be made in K forms obtainable at this office, from 1st May 1945, between 10-30 a.m. and 2 p. m. on week days and between 10-30 a. m. and 12 noon on Saturdays.

The attention of motor owners is drawn to the fact that supplementary petrol coupons are stamped and MADE VALID FOR A MONTH ONLY, though three months' ration is issued at a time.

In all cases, registration certificates must be produced together with the applications.

Owners are also informed that they must obtain their basic ration before 30th April 1945, as failing this, they are likely to be put to inconvenience and delay in receiving such ration later.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Owners of cars will be required when tendering coupons at pumps to sign each coupon and enter the number and make of their motor vehicle thereon, in token of having received petrol. A notice is stamped on the front page of each coupon book, clearly defining the obligations of motor owners on handing in the coupons in token of having received petrol. This is being done to obviate any possible chance of persons possessing coupons to which they have no right.

E. SHEEHY,
Area Rationing Authority,
Bombay.

Area Rationing Office,
Bombay, 9th April, 1945.
(2833)

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. STANELY VERE FEATHERSTONE is not a Director of Featherstone Cozens & Co., Ltd., from 31st March, 1945, neither holds any Office in the Company or in the Factory at Chakala-Andheri. He has no authority to represent the company in any manner in the company's business or its affairs. If any person deals with him, he will do so at his own risk.

Dated 9th April, 1945.

By the order of the Board of Directors,
FEATHERSTONE COZENS & CO., LTD.,

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2800

TENDERS FOR STATIONERY

SEALED TENDERS are invited for the supply of stationery articles for the use of Government offices for one year from 1-8-1945 to 31-7-1946.

Tenders should reach the undersigned before 10-0 hours on the 15th May 1945, superscribed on the envelope "TENDERS FOR STATIONERY".

Copies of specifications and conditions (in duplicate) can be had on any working day between 7-30 and 10-30 hours on payment of Rs. 5 (five) only in cash or by money order only.

Baroda, dated 11th April, 1945.
B. T. KALE,
Manager,
Press and Stationery Dept.,
Baroda State.
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PUBLIC NOTICES

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY
NOTICE.

WARD ELECTION OF A COUNCILLOR TO FILL UP A CASUAL VACANCY

The Election for Ward No. 11 (Mazgaon and Tarwadi) being contested, as required by Section 27(2) of the City of Bombay Municipal Act, 1888, as amended upto-date, I hereby publish the names of the persons validly nominated, and their respective abodes and description:—

No.	Names of Candidates	Abode.	Description.
1	Mr. Ghanasham Hari Kale	Plot No. 446, Sion Road.	Trade Union Worker.
2	„ Khimji Mulji Rathod	5A, Nesbit Road.	Social Worker
3	„ Rajaram Nathuram Panday	Plot No. 323A, Vincent Road, Matunga.	Advocate.
4	„ Savlaram Gundaji Songaonkar, M.L.A.	31, Parekh Street	Merchant.

The Poll will be taken on Tuesday, the 17th April 1945, from 6-45 a. m. (B.T.) to 6 p. m. (B.T.) at the Open space in the Victoria Gardens, at the junction of Victoria Gardens Road and Connought Road.

On personal application and on production of an "Official" Slip issued by the Municipal Slip Clerk, a voter will be supplied with a voting paper, showing the names of the candidates in English, Marathi, Gujrati and Urdu and their symbols.

In the case of a Company, other than a Joint Stock Company or Firm entered in the Ward Roll as a voter, the voting paper will be issued to the member of such Company or Firm, whose name already appears in the Roll, or to the member whose name has been communicated before 5 p. m. (B. T.) on Tuesday the 10th April 1945 (under Section 28(e) of the Municipal Act) as having been authorised to vote at the Ward Election on behalf of such Company or Firm; or where no such name has been communicated, to any person who produces before the Polling Superintendent a properly executed power of attorney from such Company or Firm.

The Polling Superintendent will give such assistance as may be required to any voter who, by reason of illiteracy or physical or other disability, is unable to vote in the manner prescribed.

Only the voters, the candidates, and their agents authorised by the Municipal Commissioner in this behalf will be allowed to enter the Polling Booth upto the place where a voter receives his voting paper. And no candidate or polling agent will be allowed access to the Voting Compartment or to the passages leading to it, except when exercising his own right of voting. After a voter has received his voting paper, no candidate or his agent will be allowed to communicate with him in any manner whatsoever.

The attention of candidates and voters is invited to Sections 171-B, 171-C, 171-D, 171-E and 171-F of the Indian Penal Code (Act No. XLV of 1860), as amended by the Indian Elections offences and Enquiries Act XXXIX of 1920, and also to Section 196 and Schedule II of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, as amended by the Bombay Criminal Procedure (Elections Offences) Amendment Act, 1935 (Act XXIX of 1935), which render any person, committing the offence of personation at Elections, liable to arrest by the Police, without warrant.

Municipal Offices,
Bombay, 11th April 1945.

U. M. MIRCHANDANI,
Municipal Commissioner
for the City of Bombay.
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Dividend Warrants will be posted in due course to those Shareholders whose names stand on the Register on 30th March 1945.

By Order of the Board,
DAVID SASSOON & CO., LTD,
A. PETHER,
Manager,
Managing Agents.
Bombay, 12th April, 1945.
(2846)

G. I. P. RAILWAY—TENDERS

THE CONTROLLER OF STORES invites tenders for Reconditioning of Scrap White Metal No. 6. Form obtainable from Stores Head Office, Gipstore Lane, Lower Parel Bombay, 13, at Rs. 2 per copy not refundable. Money Order or cash only. CLOSING DATE Monday the 30th April 1945 at 3 p.m. (N.S.T.).

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G. I. P. RAILWAY

THE DIVISIONAL ENGINEER, G. I. P. Railway, Poona, invites tenders upto 14 hours on 27-4-1945 for the construction of a Godown for storage of grain at Akalkot Road station.

2. The form of tender, schedule and conditions of contract can be obtained from his office on payment of Rs. 2 per set. Plans for the work will be supplied on an additional payment of Rs. 3 being made. These sums will not be refunded.

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G. I. P. RAILWAY

THE DIVISIONAL ENGINEER, G. I. P. Railway, Poona, invites tenders upto 14 hours on 1-5-1945 for the construction of buildings necessary to instal a Water Softening Plant and 3 units staff quarters at Pomalwadi station.

2. The form of tender, schedule and conditions of contract can be obtained from his office on payment of Rs. 2 per set. Plans for the work will be supplied on an additional payment of Rs. 3 being made. These sums will not be refunded.

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NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for temporary posts of (1) Additional Controller, Raw Materials and Stores and (2) Deputy Controller, Raw Materials and Stores, in the Office of the Textile Commissioner, Bombay. The posts are temporary and are likely to continue for the duration of war.

2. The pay of the posts ranges from Rs. 750|- to Rs. 1,200|- and the actual pay will be fixed with reference to qualifications, previous experience and emoluments.

3. Applicants must be graduates or under-graduates and must have office experience. In addition the applicants should possess the following qualifications:—

(1) ADDITIONAL CONTROLLER, RAW MATERIALS AND STORES:

Applicants should have not less than 10 years' practical experience or 5 years' mill experience and 5 years' experience in a firm dealing in Textile machinery and|or stores. Applicants must in addition hold a diploma from the V. J. T. Institute in Textiles or possess equivalent qualification.

(2) DEPUTY CONTROLLER, RAW MATERIALS AND STORES:

Not less than 5 years' experience in a Textile Machinery and| or Millstores concern. Preference will be given to candidates who have in addition practical mill experience.

4. Applications which must be on forms to be obtained on request should reach the Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Industries and Civil Supplies, Branch Secretariat, Ahmedabad House, 3rd Floor, Wittet Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay, not later than 1st May 1945.

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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Share Certificate No. B 21682 for Five shares Nos. 253406—253410 in the Reserve Bank of India, issued in the name of Ratanbai Nasarvanji Poho has been lost, stolen or mislaid. Due notice thereof has been given to the Bank and all persons are warned against dealing with Share Certificate in any way.

RATUBAI NASARWANJI POHO
Share-holder,
7854

PUBLIC NOTICES

THE BOMBAY MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS COMMITTEE NOTIFICATION

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the post of an "Inspectress of Schools" for the Municipal Gujarati Girls' Schools from ladies whose mother-tongue is Gujarati. The minimum qualifications for the post are that the candidate must be a B.A., B.T., of a recognised University. The grade salary of the post is Rs. 125-5-175 plus Rs. 30 p.m. as Conveyance Allowance plus Rs. 22 p.m. Dearness Allowance. The selected candidate will have to serve on probation for one year and will be subject to all the Municipal Service Regulations governing Municipal Service. Intending candidates should state their qualifications, experience, age, caste and religion and should apply on or before the 20th April 1945, to the Secretary, Schools Committee Gilder Tank Building Grant Road, Bombay (7).

(Miss) K. KHANDVALA,
Secretary, Schools Committee.
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SECRETARY, PUNJAB AND N.W. F.P. JOINT PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, LAHORE

announces, in partial modification of his advertisement for the post of CO-ORDINATOR of RESEARCH and PRINCIPAL, PUNJAB AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, LYALLPUR, that last date for receipt of applications for same has been extended to 30th April, 1945.
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NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the following two posts in the Central Department in Ahmedabad of the Calico Mills, Swastik Oil Mills and other sister companies:—

1. INTERNAL AUDITOR: Who is an Incorporated Accountant or Chartered Accountant or with equivalent American qualifications.

GRADE:

Chartered Accountant: Rs. 600-50-800-E.B. 50-1,200.

Incorporated Accountant Rs. 500-50-800. E.B. 50-1,000.

Those with previous experience may be started higher in the grade.

2. A PUBLICITY OFFICER: to organise and run a publicity department. Only those with previous experience of a responsible position in a well known publicity company or first or second in charge of a publicity department of a large company are eligible for the post. Good salary.

Applications will be treated as confidential. Write with full particulars and terms to reach before 15th May, 1945 to Karamchand Premchand Ltd. P.B. No. 28 Ahmedabad.

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NOTICE.
THE AURANGABAD MILLS, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-THIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, General Assurance Building, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay, on FRIDAY, the 11th day of May, 1945, at 4-00 P.M. (S.T.) for the transaction of the following business:—

1. To adopt the Directors' Report and the Audited Statements of Accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st December, 1944.
2. To declare a dividend and Bonus.
3. To elect two Directors in place of Mr. K. T. Rajan and Mr. Camar S. Tyabjee who retire by rotation but are eligible for re-election.
4. To appoint an Auditor and fix his remuneration.

N.B.—The TRANSFER BOOKS of the above Company will be closed from Friday, the 27th April 1945 to Friday the 18th May 1945 both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
DORASWAMI IYER & CO.,
Agents.

Bombay, 5th April 1945.

NOTE:—The dividend and bonus when sanctioned will be made payable at the Mill Office at Aurangabad (Deccan) on and after the 1st June 1945 to those shareholders whose names stand on the Register of the Company, on the 27th April, 1945 to whom dividend Warrants will be posted.

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AUCTION SALES

SALE TO-DAY FRIDAY 13TH APRIL 1945 AT 3 P.M. AT THE SALE ROOM OF THE UNDERSIGNED.

Sale of opera glasses, binoculars, walking sticks, innovation travelling trunks, Remington typewriter No. 10 glassware and similar other useful articles will take place TO-DAY as previously advertised.

SORABJEE COWASJEE & CO.,
Auctioneers,
123, Medows Street, Bombay.

BONA-FIDE SALE

AUCTION SALE of household complete dining, drawing and bedroom furniture, lamp shades, crockery, cutlery, drawing room suites, centre tables, cane chairs, safe, cupboards, wall clocks etc. by orders of the Party concerned on MONDAY, the 16th instant at 11 a. m. (N.S.T.) at "Anchorage" next to Taj Mahal Hotel, Apollo Bunder. On view.

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AUCTION SALES

Under instructions from the B. B. & C. I. Railway and in accordance with the provisions of Sections 55 and 56 of the Indian Railways Act No. IX of 1890, MENESSE & CO., will sell by Public Auction at the risk of the owners on FRIDAY, the 13th April 1945 at 2 p.m. (S.T.) at Carnac Bridge Goods Depot booked and unbooked goods.

AUCTION SALE OF UNCLEARED CARGOES OF THE B. P. T. DOCKS.

In accordance with Sec. 64 of the Bombay Port Trust Acts of 1879 and as from time to time amended under instructions from the Manager Bombay Port Trust Docks, MENESSE & CO., will sell by Public Auction on TUESDAY, the 17th April 1945 at 2-30 p.m. at Alexandra Docks (Sale Warehouse). Bolts and nuts and Elec. appliances wire; Screws; Chemical; Goat skin and etc.

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